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"Unfermented, but full of Alcohol." This is the heading of an interesting article, published a few days ago in a Vancouver paper. It deals with the recent government analysis and shows how tee-totalers have drunk intoxicants for years without knowing it. This is not a fairy story, but cold facts gleaned from the last bulletin of the laboratory of the inland revenue department, showing the immense quantity of alcohol and health-damaging ingredients found in so-called "unfermented" wines, soft drinks and tonic wines, labelled "Unfermented Grape Juice for Sacramental and Medical Use," etc., "This Wine is Produced from Pure Grape Juice Only," "Warranted Free from Alcohol," etc., etc. The examination proved that a large number of samples were found to contain from 12 to 25 per cent of alcohol.

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STANDARD OIL IS NOT GUILTY

Federal Jury Returns Verdict Under the Direction From Judge Anderson

RATE NOT ESTABLISHED

Not Known Whether Washington Authorities Will Proceed Further

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Judge Anderson's decision was not unexpected, as he had yesterday told the government prosecutors that the proof rolled on the first trial was incompetent, and that it must be completed or fail. It was with something of an air of hopelessness that District Attorney Sims and his assistants attempted to show the inadmissibility of the Illinois classification to prove the existence of a local rate of 18 cents, which was a vital point in the government's contention. It was after Assistant District Attorney H. Wilkerson had argued for two hours, and at the end admitted that the prosecution could not furnish the further proof deemed necessary by the court for a continuation of the case, that Judge Anderson decided.

Mr. Wilkerson said that the government could proceed no further, and suggested dismissal of the case.

Attorney John S. Miller, chief counsel in the case for the oil company, immediately moved that there be an instructed verdict of not guilty. The court so ordered, and the jury, which had been excluded during the argument by the attorneys, was called in and charged.

The decision of Judge Grosscup, Baker and Seaman of the United States circuit court of appeals, reversing Judge Landis, together with the action of the United States Supreme court in refusing to review the decision, and the fact that the case was assigned as authority for today's decision. Judge Anderson quoted from the opinion of the appellate court judges. The strongest expression in favor of his views, he said, was the statement in that decision that "the most that we can say is that the question is one upon which judges after full discussion, might very reasonably disagree." Continuing, he said: "The defendant is charged here by indictment. This is a criminal offence. The defendant is presumed to be innocent until proved to be guilty beyond all reasonable doubt, and before this jury would be justified in returning a verdict on a single one of these counts, it would have to be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt, to such a degree of certainty as to overcome the presumption of innocence which surrounds this defendant. It would have to be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that there was a definitely fixed 18 cent rate. The court of appeals has said upon this same evidence, after having considered it in all its relations, after having the evidence which was given, that there cannot be said that these papers, the railroad tariff sheet No. 24, and the Illinois classification really fixed any 18 cent rate."

Judge Anderson then ordered the jury, under the authority of the decision of higher court, to which he said he also was bound, to return a verdict of acquittal. The verdict of innocence was formally signed by the foreman of the jury, entered in the court records and the famous case was finally ended.

Whether prosecution on seven other indictments still pending against the oil company will be instituted, District Attorney Sims would not express an opinion. He said that the question

rested entirely with the United States Attorney General.

The prosecution which today ended in failure, after having once been tried by Judge Landis, whose decision was reversed by the court of appeals, and the case remanded to the district court for a second trial, had its beginning in August, 1906. On that date ten indictments were returned by a federal grand jury, charging the Standard Oil Company of Indiana with accepting concessions from railways in shipments of oil from Whiting, Ind. One of them contained 1903 counts, and it was on this indictment that the Standard Oil Company prosecution was based. With 140 counts allowed to stand, the case went to trial before Judge Landis on March, 1907, and resulted in a verdict of guilty on April 13, 1907. On August 3, 1907, Judge Landis imposed his famous \$29,240,000 fine. On appeal the case went to U. S. circuit court of appeals and was argued a year ago. The decision of the court of appeal last July was in favor of the company. The case was then remanded for a new trial, which was begun before Anderson on February 23rd last, after the government had failed to obtain a re-hearing of the case before the appellate court to secure a review before the Supreme court.

KING IN GOOD HEALTH

The Reports of His Illness at Biarritz Prove Groundless—Will Witness Aeroplane Flights

London, March 10.—There is absolutely no confirmation in London of the reports from Biarritz that King Edward is seriously ill.

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It was announced from Pau last night that King Edward was planning to go there from Biarritz at the end of the week to witness a series of aeroplane flights by Wilbur Wright.

Imperial Defence Plans.

London, March 10.—In the Commons today Under Secretary of State for the Colonies Seely, declared in regard to Imperial defence that there was a complete agreement between Mr. Hall, Canada and Australia. They think it highly desirable that there should be an interchange of scientific thought with a view to common leadership in war.

Vancouver Enterprise.

Vancouver, March 10.—A gigantic manufacturing plant for the purpose of turning out locomotives and lumber and logging engines will probably be located in Vancouver within a short time. It plans how under way are completed. Seattle capitalists have had representatives here for several days, who are perfecting an option on ten acres of ground in the east end on which to erect buildings and install the necessary machinery, etc.

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TWO STEAMERS MEET UNDER BLINDING FOG

Narrow Escape From Tragedy Off Cape Cod—One Vessel Sinks to Bottom

Chatham, Mass., March 10.—Blanketed by a dense fog, and proceeding at half speed, the well known coastwise steamer of the Maine Steamship company, the Horatio Hall, Portland for New York, and the H. F. Dimock, of the Metropolitan line, New York for Boston, met in the middle of the narrow channel known as Pollock Rip today with a crash that sent the Hall to the bottom within a half hour and caused the Dimock to run ashore six hours later on Cape Cod beach, where the passengers and crew of the Hall were landed, without the loss of a single soul.

A brief wireless message which the operator of the sinking Hall managed to send broadcast, spread the news of the collision, which occurred at eight a.m., but as he failed to give the position, details of the disaster did not become known until the Dimock came ashore half a mile south of the Orleans life-saving station shortly after 2 p.m. During the six hours of silence, a dozen wireless stations, government, professional and amateur, from Portland to New London, were vainly endeavoring to obtain some news of the wreck, while the revenue cutter Gresham scurried up and down the coast in an effort to render assistance.

As the fog cleared away in the early afternoon the Dimock was seen heading for the beach, and half an hour later boat crew with five passengers from the Hall, including two women, landed safely on Cape Cod beach and told the story of the thrilling scene of the early morning.

RICH ORE IS FOUND IN ROSSLAND MINES

New Strikes in Consolidated Company's Properties Give Good Promise

Rossland, B.C., March 10.—A forty-foot vein of high grade ore has been struck on ninth level of War Eagle. It is rich in gold, with every indication that the ore extends to the upper levels, and probably to the surface. Drifting has shown the vein to be 40 feet wide and 400 feet long, containing heavy sulphides with high gold values. This same vein has been very productive on the tenth level, and while no work has been done on it in the upper levels, it is thought the ore will extend for several hundred feet above the ninth, and possibly to the surface. Assays show that the ore runs from twenty to a hundred dollars. It is the most important strike made in the mine for several years.

Of the Centre Star, rich ore has been encountered in some of the larger stopes, and the Iron Mask mine, which has been found to contain at least four profitable ore shoots, continues to develop in a very satisfactory manner. There is a large tonnage of developed ore between the present Iron Mask workings and the surface.

Some of the lower levels of the War Eagle are being extended to Iron Mask property, and within the past few days the eighth level of the War Eagle encountered values in Iron Mask ground.

Recent developments on the Idaho have been most profitable. On the fourth level, a big stope, which is now 150 feet long by from twenty to thirty feet wide, is producing a good tonnage of heavy sulphide ore, containing about one dollar in gold besides good values in copper and silver. This ore shoot is located on the south vein. On the main vein stopping is being continued, and the ore is extending westward, recent values in the west drift having been high.

During February the Centre Star group made profits of \$30,000 over and above operating charges, and the management is much encouraged.

Three copper furnaces are running at the company's smelter at Trail, treating about 1,000 tons of copper-gold ore per day, from which are being produced 600 tons of copper matte per month, containing \$240,000 worth of gold. The lead furnace averages 200 tons of ore per day, from which has been produced 100 tons of bullion per day, which is the record for Trail and is probably the best record on the continent. The lead refinery at Trail is producing 2,000 tons of pig lead per month, and is shipping close to 50,000 ounces of refined silver to China each month.

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Glouce Bay, C. B., March 10.—The bottling works of McKinley and Ogilvie, at Mackay's Corners, were destroyed by fire last night. Loss \$12,000, Insurance \$6,000.

RICH ORE IS FOUND IN ROSSLAND MINES

New Strikes in Consolidated Company's Properties Give Good Promise

Rossland, B.C., March 10.—A forty-foot vein of high grade ore has been struck on ninth level of War Eagle. It is rich in gold, with every indication that the ore extends to the upper levels, and probably to the surface. Drifting has shown the vein to be 40 feet wide and 400 feet long, containing heavy sulphides with high gold values. This same vein has been very productive on the tenth level, and while no work has been done on it in the upper levels, it is thought the ore will extend for several hundred feet above the ninth, and possibly to the surface. Assays show that the ore runs from twenty to a hundred dollars. It is the most important strike made in the mine for several years.

Of the Centre Star, rich ore has been encountered in some of the larger stopes, and the Iron Mask mine, which has been found to contain at least four profitable ore shoots, continues to develop in a very satisfactory manner. There is a large tonnage of developed ore between the present Iron Mask workings and the surface.

Some of the lower levels of the War Eagle are being extended to Iron Mask property, and within the past few days the eighth level of the War Eagle encountered values in Iron Mask ground.

Recent developments on the Idaho have been most profitable. On the fourth level, a big stope, which is now 150 feet long by from twenty to thirty feet wide, is producing a good tonnage of heavy sulphide ore, containing about one dollar in gold besides good values in copper and silver. This ore shoot is located on the south vein. On the main vein stopping is being continued, and the ore is extending westward, recent values in the west drift having been high.

During February the Centre Star group made profits of \$30,000 over and above operating charges, and the management is much encouraged.

Three copper furnaces are running at the company's smelter at Trail, treating about 1,000 tons of copper-gold ore per day, from which are being produced 600 tons of copper matte per month, containing \$240,000 worth of gold. The lead furnace averages 200 tons of ore per day, from which has been produced 100 tons of bullion per day, which is the record for Trail and is probably the best record on the continent. The lead refinery at Trail is producing 2,000 tons of pig lead per month, and is shipping close to 50,000 ounces of refined silver to China each month.

Level Crossings

Ottawa, March 10.—The senate railway committee this morning discussed Mr. Lancaster's level crossings bill. Deputy Minister of Railways Butler told the committee that a large percentage of accidents were due to pure carelessness of the public at crossings.

TWO STEAMERS MEET UNDER BLINDING FOG

Narrow Escape From Tragedy Off Cape Cod—One Vessel Sinks to Bottom

Chatham, Mass., March 10.—Blanketed by a dense fog, and proceeding at half speed, the well known coastwise steamer of the Maine Steamship company, the Horatio Hall, Portland for New York, and the H. F. Dimock, of the Metropolitan line, New York for Boston, met in the middle of the narrow channel known as Pollock Rip today with a crash that sent the Hall to the bottom within a half hour and caused the Dimock to run ashore six hours later on Cape Cod beach, where the passengers and crew of the Hall were landed, without the loss of a single soul.

A brief wireless message which the operator of the sinking Hall managed to send broadcast, spread the news of the collision, which occurred at eight a.m., but as he failed to give the position, details of the disaster did not become known until the Dimock came ashore half a mile south of the Orleans life-saving station shortly after 2 p.m. During the six hours of silence, a dozen wireless stations, government, professional and amateur, from Portland to New London, were vainly endeavoring to obtain some news of the wreck, while the revenue cutter Gresham scurried up and down the coast in an effort to render assistance.

As the fog cleared away in the early afternoon the Dimock was seen heading for the beach, and half an hour later boat crew with five passengers from the Hall, including two women, landed safely on Cape Cod beach and told the story of the thrilling scene of the early morning.

WATER BILL IS AGAIN DELAYED

Point of Order Raised By Stuart Henderson Regarding City's Position

THE LEADERS' SPEECHES

Premier McBride and J. A. Macdonald Support the Measure

The ban has not yet been lifted from the Victoria water supply question. Something crops up regularly to spoil the arrangement when it seems to have been arrived at, and no better illustration of the adage concerning the number of slips betwixt cups and lips could be found than the negotiations on this vexed question. The evening before last an agreement was apparently arrived at, and one of those most prominently concerned in the affair so informed the Colonist. Yesterday morning, however, the representatives of the company, to the great disappointment of the representatives of the city, declared the reports of an agreement to have been grossly exaggerated, and that in fact there was no agreement at all.

The result was that the campaign was renewed in the lobbies of the house, although there were no more conferences. Finally the matter was transferred to the floor of the house, when H. B. Thomson presented his amendments to the committee of the whole. His first amendment, reinserting the clause that the powers, etc., of the city "are hereby ratified and confirmed as the corporation of the city of Victoria," and it is hereby declared that such powers, rights and privileges are in no way abrogated by any act subsequent to the Victoria Act of 1873, was passed, but the others were temporarily held over, and the rest of the bill was considered and adopted. W. R. Ross got up to make a statement, and shortly after which J. A. Macdonald asked that the committee rise and report progress, to meet again at the next sitting. To this request Mr. Thomson somewhat reluctantly acceded.

At the evening session no one opposed the bill except the Socialists, and Stuart Henderson. The premier and leader supported the measure, and the staff of the opposition also endorsed the bill in a well thought out and scholarly address. Messrs Hawthorthwaite and Williams did not seem inclined to press their objections to extremes, and everyone thought that the troubles of the city were practically over when Mr. Henderson raised a point of order. Mr. Thomson's reply showed the point to be mere obstruction, and then Mr. Macdonald again suggested that the debate be adjourned, as the bill was one in which a widespread interest was being taken. Mr. Thomson seemed much displeased, but finally consented to the adjournment, understanding that the matter be settled next time the bill came up, and that there would be no more obstruction.

Debate Opens

The debate was opened by the Socialists. Quoth Parker Williams: "Why should this house be asked to put a price of \$700,000 on the property of the Esquimalt Water Works Co.? What do we know about its value?" H. B. Thomson: "This amendment is agreeable to the city, which believes that it contains a fair way to deal with the property in question. This is Victoria's proposition."

P. Williams: "I know little of the matter, save what I learned as member of the private bills committee; but I understand that this sum was suggested by the city as complete payment on the advice of an expert named Adams, who no doubt made every possible allowance, as experts always do. This offer was refused."

H. B. Thomson: "I have knowledge of the offer; but if the company rejects the price, there will be arbitration under the Water Clause and Consolidation Act, save that the rate of interest will be six per cent. Instead of fifteen, the bonus 20 per cent. Instead of 30 per cent. The offer comes from the city."

S. Henderson: "Why is this method adopted instead of the natural form of expropriation, an expropriation based on the value instead of the cost of the plant?"

Mr. Hawthorthwaite objected that in the interests of the city, the price should be fixed at not more than \$700,000, instead of not less. The city council might offer a million, and a half. Such things had been done. In any event, the house was not supposed to deal with values. Mr. Thomson again explained that the figure had been arrived at by the city, who wished to deal absolutely fairly. The city was prepared to make this offer to the company if it wanted the property. At present it was the intention to go to Sooko, but if prevented by any reason, financial or otherwise, they wanted to be able to expropriate this company's property.

Mr. Macdonald's Speech

J. A. Macdonald: "I feel that the house is being placed in a difficult and delicate position when it is asked practically to interfere in a dispute between two parties, and to settle the legal rights to the water at Goldstream. I may say at the outset that I intend to vote for it, because it seems to be the most satisfactory and not a disagreeable tangle. I understand that there is no dispute as to the right of expropriation, but to arbitration, but that the only difficulty lies in deciding the basis upon which arbitrators shall compute the value. I understand that the company is willing to sell on the basis of the value of the property, day as found by arbitration. This would seem fair enough, but there are complications such as the rights of the city of Victoria given in 1873.

"In that year, as I understand it, Victoria was given exclusive rights within a 20-mile area. This act was

DELIBERATE MURDER OF POLISH PRIEST

Shot Dead in His Study By Three Men—His House-keeper Wounded

Newark, N.J., March 10.—Three men whose features appear to have been concealed by their cloaks, overpowered the Rev. Erasmus Ansion, pastor of the Polish church of St. Stanislaus, this morning, and opened fire upon him. Three bullets from their three revolvers hit the priest, killing him instantly. The trio attempted to make their escape and found their way was blocked by Mrs. Antonio Sewrzytska, the housekeeper. Without an instant's hesitation, one of the visitors turned his revolver upon her, inflicting a wound which is likely to prove fatal. Then all three rushed into the street and escaped.

Two hundred of Father Ansion's parishioners, who were attending an early morning service in the church adjoining, heard the shots and rushed out, led by the assistant priests who were in charge of the service. The assassins had disappeared,

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Moving Westward
Toronto, March 9.—Two C. P. R. special trains, carrying 500 Ontario farmers, left here tonight for points in the west. Fifty carloads of effects followed them.

Hamilton Tragedy
Hamilton, Ont., March 9.—Dr. McNichol, coroner at the Kinrade murder inquest, said the case was not disposed of today, as he is waiting for evidence at the resumed inquest tonight. Ethel Kinrade's body was examined today and the physicians made another examination of it.

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TIMBER LEASES TO BE PERPETUAL

Premier McBride Announces Timber Policy of the Government

TO ACT NEXT SESSION

Report of Forestry Commission to Be Waited For as Regards Terms

Premier McBride announced to the legislature at the afternoon sitting yesterday the policy of the government with regard to the tenure of timber leases.

He stated that the government has decided that it is advisable to make the tenure of these leases perpetual, but that the matter will be held over until next session.

The terms and conditions attaching to the matter will be left in large measure to the decision of the proposed forestry commission. This announcement has been eagerly awaited for many weeks, and many guesses have been hazarded from time to time as to the probable attitude of the government.

The Public Service bill passed the House as did the attorney-general's measure to add gasoline tanks to the list of explosives in the Explosives Storage act. The Grand Trunk Pacific bill passed committee safely.

The bill for the consolidation of the mining claims and water rights of John Hopp, which caused a great deal of discussion in the legislature at second reading stage, was withdrawn by Mr. Thomson (Victoria).

The Timber Policy.

The premier's announcement was as follows:

"Before the business of the day is taken up, I would like to make a statement of considerable importance, which has been waited for by many people of the province with considerable interest. I refer to the question of the tenure of special timber licenses, which has been the subject of some controversy of late, and the principal commission of several delegations representing the timber interests in British Columbia.

"I beg to announce that the government has come to the determination that the tenure of these licenses, at the next session of the legislature, receive the attention of the administration in the way of some provision that will make for the perpetuity of the licenses until the timber is removed, but on such terms and conditions as the government may then deem prudent in the interests of the people of British Columbia.

"It has been deemed wise to defer this matter until we have received the advice of the commission on forestry, and it is upon the report of that body as to the terms and conditions advisable that the government will act."

Mr. Oliver (Delta) complained that nothing had been heard of an order passed by the House for the bringing down of returns of the prosecutions under the fisheries department. The attorney-general produced the returns, stating that it had been his intention to bring them in at this sitting.

Private bills were then taken up, it being private members' day.

Private Bills.

Mr. Henderson (Yale) withdrew his amendment to the B. C. Permanent Loan Company bill, and depriving the company of the right to invest in the securities of chartered companies in Canada. He substituted an amendment to which he said, all parties had agreed. This gave the company the right to invest in the securities of fire and life insurance companies, and of any chartered companies in Canada on approval of the lieutenant-governor-in-council and the majority of the shareholders. This amendment was accepted, and the bill passed report stage.

The bill to incorporate the Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited, passed report stage.

The Pacific, Northern and Onimca Railway bill was considered in committee. This bill asks for an extension of time for the building operations of the company.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) moved an amendment to the effect that the extension of time granted by the bill be not construed as extending the time wherein the railway may earn the provincial bonus of \$5,000 a mile. The amendment was held over to the report stage.

The bill to create the Roman Catholic Archbishopric of Vancouver and his successors in office a corporation sole was given second reading. On permission of the House the bill was considered in committee forthwith.

Mr. Thomson (Victoria) asked that the order for the second reading of the bill respecting the consolidation of the mining claims and water rights of John Hopp, be discharged.

Several Bills Passed

The attorney-general's bill to amend the Explosives Storage Act, was given third reading and passed.

The provincial secretary's public service bill was reported, given third reading and passed.

In report stage on the attorney-general's bill to amend the Police and Prisons Regulation Act, Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) introduced an amendment providing for the abolition of the "sweating" system of extracting evidence from prisoners.

He said that it was commonly stated that American methods of extracting evidence by the "third degree" were being introduced in the province. From the standpoint of humanity, no such methods should be established in the jail of this province. It was bad enough to have these methods in Russia.

Mr. Bowser said that no such methods are employed in British Columbia. Every man was considered to be innocent until he was proved guilty. The whole thing was based on vague rumor. He refused to accept the amendment, as such a regulation was entirely unnecessary.

Mr. Williams (Newcastle) said that in the case of Bill Miner "swearing" methods had taken place in the Kamloops jail, according to the statements made generally in the newspapers. There had never been an authoritative denial of this. The danger of the system was that innocent men were in some cases induced to confess crimes they never committed, and to incriminate other innocent persons.

The amendment was lost, 7 to 26. The bill was reported.

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Grand Trunk Pacific Bill

The House went into committee on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) said the legislature was asked to confirm an incomplete plan of the Prince Rupert townsite. He was unalterably opposed to this and to the scheme of the Grand Trunk Pacific to cut the townsite off from the sea. He thought the government would be going far enough to extend the time for the completion of the surveys, to take in the triangular piece of land referred to, and leaving the approval of the plans to such a time as they might be completed.

The attorney-general reviewed the concessions which the government was able to obtain from the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

He said that if Mr. Oliver's motion to strike out the third section of the bill were adopted, it would undo all the work carried through up to this date by the government.

Mr. Oliver (Delta) returned to the charge with his old arguments.

A question arose over the intention of the government to go into partnership with the G. T. P. in the sale of lithographed copies of the plans of the townsite of Prince Rupert. An amendment to the bill, brought in by the chief commissioner, provides that no body shall be allowed to copy these plans. The attorney-general said that the government and the G. T. P. would divide the cost and the profits, the province on a basis of one-fourth and the railway on a basis of three-fourths.

The attorney-general said that the amount realized would be \$200,000, but he later corrected this statement, saying that he did not know the estimated profit.

The chief commissioner moved that the schedules attached to the bill be taken as read.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) said that there were statements in the schedule that were incorrect, as the plans were incorrect and incomplete. The schedules and preamble were taken as read.

The bill was reported complete with amendments.

The water bill was again considered in committee. Eight sections only were taken up, and the committee rose.

The chief commissioner of lands asked that the second reading of the same Protection Act be discharged, and he re-introduced the bill by message.

The bill to amend the Land Registry Act (the attorney-general) was given second reading.

LONG CASUALTY LIST IN TORNADO'S WAKE

Little City of Brinkley, Arkansas, Reports 29 Killed and 70 Injured

Brinkley, Ark., March 10.—Twenty-nine killed and 70 injured make up the casualty list from the tornado on Monday night. Outside of Brinkley thirteen persons were killed and forty-six were injured.

Governor Donaghy, who hurried here from Little Rock, has declared martial law, large forces of men being at work clearing the debris away from the State penitentiary.

The citizens express a determination to rebuild the town, and work will begin at once. Meetings are being held in Little Rock, Memphis, Helena, and other cities today for the purpose of raising money and supplies for the destitute.

The storm apparently entered the State from the southwest and swept over eleven counties to the northeast. Belated reports from small towns tell of death and injury to many persons and a large property loss.

KLONDIKE REVIVAL

Dawson Man Expects Large Results From Dredging Operations This Season

Vancouver, March 10.—"The outlook for mining in the Klondike during the coming summer is very bright. The transformation period of the past few years, when the primitive methods of earlier days have been giving way to modern methods involving an enormous initial expenditure is now about over. This season will witness the first real test of the fifty-mile ditch of the company controlled by the Guggenheims to provide an ample water supply. As this ditch traverses a good deal of uncertain ground the water will not be turned on full volume for the first year; in other words the ditch will have to find itself." Mr. Tobin was the same people will operate at least seven dredges and two elevators, a new method of the cheap handling of ground.

This was the rosate opinion expressed about this season's operations in the Klondike by H. S. Tobin, a Dawson barrister, who is the legal adviser in Yukon territory for the Guggenheims. Mr. Tobin has spent an enjoyable winter outside, visiting London and Paris with O. B. Perry, the company's chief engineer. Mr. Tobin expects a big season for the company.

"According to an official report the Guggenheim company, working last season on a modest scale, earned a net profit of about \$500,000. There is every reason to believe that the net earnings this coming season should easily exceed \$1,500,000. Other companies will also operate very extensively, the success of dredging operations having now been definitely demonstrated. I expect to see the gold productions getting back ere long to the figures of the early days, and feel confident the old Klondike will have a new lease of life destined to continue for an almost unlimited period. The Yukon is a vast region, and each season results in the discovery of rich ground. The beds of the rivers and creeks have scarcely been touched. This opens up a field of great possibilities. Keep your eye on the Stewar river," concluded Mr. Tobin.

ROUTINE MATTERS BEFORE SCHOOL BOARD

Object to Presence of Licensed Liquor Premises Near Site of New School

The school board will ask the license commissioners to refuse, at the end of the present year, to renew the liquor license of the Lion saloon, corner of Princess street and Chambers street, opposite the site of the new school which is to be built on Chambers street. At the regular meeting of the school board held last night Trustee McNeill brought the matter before the attention of the board. He asked that in view of the fact that the school is to be erected in the vicinity of the saloon the board should take up the matter with the license commissioners. Trustees Mrs. Jenkins and McNeill were appointed a committee to wait upon the license commissioners and present the request of the board.

Hereafter it is likely that the school board will have to pay an increased price for coal. J. Kingham wrote the board to the effect that the figure at which he has been supplying coal to the board for the past few years, \$6.75 per ton, will in future be raised to \$7.15 per ton. The increase will go into effect on and after April 1. Trustee Jay stated that he had been informed by Mr. Kingham that the latter is now actually supplying coal at a figure less than provision prohibiting the employment on the work of any Chinese or Japanese and the standard rate of wages will be paid the various trades. Trustee Jay was empowered to sign the contracts.

The position of school carpenter was filled, Ernest Palfrey being appointed at a salary of \$80 per month. A committee composed of Trustees Staneland, McNeill and McIntosh was appointed to look over the applications for the position of clerk of works, to see the erection of the new Chambers street school, and report to the board.

Several requests for increase in salary were received from teachers and janitors. It was decided to let the present salaries stand for the balance of the present term. All special teachers will in future be expected to make monthly reports on their work to the superintendent.

Trustee McNeill called attention to the fact that parents have been complaining of the present system of verticle writing now in use in the city schools. In one room the verticle system is being taught while in another the slant system is being followed. Superintendent Paul stated that there had been instructors visiting the city schools and instructing the pupils and he had given the matter close personal attention. Trustee Mrs. Jenkins stated that twelve years ago the verticle system had been introduced in the schools and no change had been made.

The report of C. F. Cookson on the slant system of writing should be adopted, the verticle system being out of date, but Trustee Jay pointed out that the verticle system is the one adopted by the council of public instruction and he doubted if the board had any right to make a change, but the superintendent could look into the matter and report. This will be done.

The report of C. F. Cookson on the necessary plumbing improvements at the High School was referred to the building and grounds committee. The necessary improvements will entail an outlay of \$20. That committee will also consider the advisability of purchasing a motor grinder for use in the manual training department for the sharpening of tools. Tenders will be called for the purchase of the plumbing and the small building located on the site of the Victoria West school.

The building and grounds committee will consider the question of the installation of three drinking fountains in the North Ward school. The necessary connections have been put in but the contract did not call for the fountains. The dust nuisance will also be considered by the same committee. The finance committee will investigate the evolution of the banking system of school banking. At present only one school, the Girls' Central, is taking advantage of the banking system and some steps will be taken to either enlarge the scope of the banking system or do away with it altogether.

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Judge Ketcham Dead
Cobourg, Ont., March 9.—Judge Ketcham, junior judge in Northumberland and Durham, is dead, aged 74.

Higher Salaries Wanted.
Ottawa, Mar. 9.—A deputation representing the entire railway clerk service of the Dominion waited upon Hon. Mr. Lemieux this afternoon, asking better remuneration, as recommended by the civil service commission.

For Cleanliness
Ottawa, March 9.—The railway commission this afternoon made no order, but it was intimated that one would be issued to prevent spitting and expectorating in train coaches save in proper receptacles. The application for the order was from the Montreal Board of Trade.

To Repatriate Spanish Jews.
London, March 6.—Although the edict by which, in 1492, the Jews were expelled from Spain was revoked fifty years ago, only an insignificant number of Jews have hitherto availed themselves of the privilege to settle in the country whose history their ancestors did so much to embellish. Of late years a movement has been set on foot in influential circles in Spain to bring about the repatriation of the descendants of the exiles, and for this purpose a society known as the "Allanza Hispano-Israelita" has recently been

formed. Several prominent Spaniards, including Senator Moret, the former minister-president, and Senator Canalejas, a former president of the Chamber of Deputies, have joined the body, and have signed an appeal inviting others to enrol themselves. Those Jews now living in Turkey who are of Spanish descent are the particular objects of the society's interest.

Fell Five Stories.
New York, March 9.—While delirious from illness, U. H. Morriam, a lawyer, either jumped or fell from the window of his room on the fifth floor of the apartment house at Sixty-eighth street and Central Park west today, and was instantly killed. He had been suffering from nervous troubles for several weeks, and was under the care of a physician and a nurse.

Madame Steinhil in a Play
Paris, March 9.—The Paris police have been asked to interfere in a matter bearing on theatrical advertising, which interferes, or promises to interfere, with the course of justice. Mrs. Steinhil is in prison and accused of being an accessory to the murder of her husband and that of her mother. But she has not been found guilty, for she has not yet been tried. In a little theatre near the Montparnasse railway station, play called "Le Crime de l'Impasse," is being given in which Mme. Steinhil's name and those of other people figure in very slight disguise upon the programme. Immediate posters are to be seen all over the neighborhood, which read: "If you want to know the truth about the Steinhil case go to the theatre to see 'Le Crime de l'Impasse'." In the play, Mme. Steinhil takes a very active share in the murder, and the police are now being asked by Mme. Steinhil's lawyers to have the posters withdrawn.

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TIMBER LICENSES

Mr. McBride made an important announcement in the Legislature yesterday. He informed the House that at the next session a measure will be introduced to make the tenure of licenses perpetual, provided the regulations to be prescribed are observed. We refer to the report of the proceedings of the House for his exact language, but what has just been said conveys an accurate idea of its meaning. The timbermen expected legislation during the present session, and undoubtedly it would have proved very advantageous to many of them if a Bill had been brought down and passed, but a formal official announcement of the nature of that made by Mr. McBride is, under the circumstances, equivalent to the enactment of a law on the subject. Any Act that could have been passed this session would of necessity have been made subject to regulations hereafter to be adopted. The framing of such regulations is a matter calling for much greater consideration than can be given during a session, and it is one upon which the assistance of experts will have to be asked. We appreciated this when referring to the matter a day or two ago, at which time we said the regulations "ought not to be hastily framed, and so that it is understood that they will be made, the principle of renewals can be safely adopted, and the regulations be made as experience and investigation shall show is desirable." The principle has been adopted. It is true that it has not been crystallized into an Act of the Legislature, but a formal declaration by the Premier that such a measure will be introduced is tantamount thereto. The announcement of the Premier will be heartily welcomed by the timbermen, who will feel safe in preparing for their future operations with the knowledge that their investments will be protected.

A Commission is to be appointed to investigate all questions relating to our forests, and it will be instructed to make recommendations for the regulation of lumbering operations on crown lands. We understand that experts of repute from other parts of the Continent will be asked to act upon the Commission. It is very clear, however, that regulations for British Columbia must be very different from those that would prove satisfactory in Eastern Canada or even the Middle States. Forest conditions in this province are different from what they are in the parts of the Continent just mentioned. Therefore the government will, we assume, appoint on the Commission men having local knowledge and experience. Mr. McBride has not stated that the regulations recommended by the Commission will be adopted in full. They will serve as a guide to the government and Legislature, who after all must be the final judges of what is best in this regard.

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT

There is a growing sentiment among the people of Vancouver Island that advantage must be taken of the present trend of events to secure railway construction that will be advantageous directly to their interests. They are not influenced by any feeling of hostility to any part of the province. Indeed, we think it can fairly be claimed for the people of this Island that they have at all times shown themselves ready to do what in them lay for the development of other parts of the province. It was a "Victoria government" to use the expression in vogue at that time, which inaugurated the policy, which led to the opening of Kootenay. The people of the Island never complained that their representatives looked far afield for the exemplification of a policy based upon the potentialities of the province, but cheerfully stood by the men responsible for that policy, even though that government was assailed over and over again, but without truth, for aiming to advance Victoria at the expense of British Columbia. With a control of the representation, the Island people took a broad view of the province and the result can be seen in what is now apparent throughout the lower Mainland. So intent were the public men of that day upon the promotion of everything that had a tendency to build up the Mainland that the Island was neglected. Surveys and explorations were made years ago which showed a condition of things warranting a policy of active development, for the Island, but ministry after ministry came and went, and nothing was done. If the people of the Island think that the time has now come when they have a right to demand consideration in formulation of any new policy, they cannot be accused of selfishness or

sectionalism. That this demand will be made is altogether probable, but we wish the people of the Mainland to understand that it is not made in any spirit of hostility to them, but only upon its own merits, and because it seems reasonable that action in that direction should be taken.

OUR MINERAL PRODUCTS

The returns of the mineral production of Canada prepared by Mr. John McLeish, in charge of the Division of Mineral Resources and Statistics of the Department of Mines, is very interesting. One table is simply amazing. It is of the annual mineral products for the years since and including 1886:

1886	.....	\$10,221,255
1887	.....	10,321,231
1888	.....	12,518,894
1889	.....	14,013,113
1890	.....	16,763,353
1891	.....	18,976,616
1892	.....	16,623,415
1893	.....	20,935,082
1894	.....	19,931,158
1895	.....	20,595,917
1896	.....	22,474,256
1897	.....	28,485,923
1898	.....	38,412,431
1899	.....	49,234,005
1900	.....	64,230,983
1901	.....	65,804,611
1902	.....	63,211,634
1903	.....	61,740,513
1904	.....	60,073,897
1905	.....	69,525,170
1906	.....	79,057,308
1907	.....	86,842,765
1908	.....	87,323,489

The increase in the twenty-three years seems phenomenal. Its steadiness is a very interesting feature. Between 1886 and 1893 there was a gradual growth which nearly doubled the output, and the gain kept on at about the same ratio until 1897, when the Klondyke gold began to appear in the returns. This led to a jump of ten millions, and in the next year there was even a greater gain. Klondyke began to be less productive after that, but the expansion in value of the total product of the country went on even more rapidly. Then there came a period when the figures fell slightly only to grow again. We suppose the Cobalt mines have had something to do with the great increases of the last three years. At the present rate of progress the \$100,000,000 mark will be passed in a very few years, which we submit will make a phenomenal record for an undeveloped country in so short a period.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Toronto News states that persons, who have had a long connection with the Departments and the Press Gallery at Ottawa, say that the present House of Commons is the best since Confederation. We think with the Toronto paper that this is putting the case more strongly than the facts warrant, although, of course, an accurate comparison is impossible. It is perhaps correct to say that the first parliaments contained a greater number of men better fitted for leadership than have been found in any of the later Houses. This was natural, for the men, who had led in provincial affairs for a long time, entered the federal arena and brought with them a ripe experience. Possibly if one should say that the present House is stronger in the rank and file than any of its predecessors it might be correct, but at this distance it is impossible for any one to judge. Among the newer men, the News is greatly impressed with Mr. Graham and Mr. Lemieux. Persons somewhat familiar with the trend of things look upon Mr. Graham as a possible premier. He has developed great popularity among the members, and his conduct of the campaign in Ontario at the last election showed that he knows the business of politics. Certainly he and Mr. Lemieux would make a strong team, and with Mr. Graham in the Premiership and Mr. Lemieux leading the Quebec contingent, the Liberals would have a potent combination.

The Opposition has been greatly strengthened in personnel by the late elections. The News says: "Mr. Burrell, of British Columbia has singular personal attractions and something like a genius for public affairs. Mr. Goodeve is also a noteworthy addition to the ranks of the Opposition, and indeed there is much to be said for the whole Conservative contingent from British Columbia." Our contemporary notes other men of promise on the Conservative side, and after mentioning some of them says:

"The House loses much by Mr. Bourassa's withdrawal, while Mr. Maclean plays his separate role with familiar pertinacity and courage. Other names in both parties have strong claim to recognition, and altogether the new Parliament is one of which the country has no need to be ashamed, and which is particularly noteworthy for the high character and abundant virility of the Opposition."

THE SENATE

Senator George W. Ross was quite correct when he said that there is no general demand in the country for the abolition of the Senate. Public feeling has not reached that stage, nor do we see any reason for believing it to be likely to do so. There is, however, a very general opinion that the Senate might very properly be differently constituted, and the only reason why there is not a popular demand for action to that effect is that no one seems to know just what to propose. Senator Ross thinks that the subject may very well remain in abeyance until the government acts, which is as if he should say until the Greek Kalends. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was quite convinced, when he was in opposition that Senate reform was very much in

the nature of an absolute necessity. It is surprising how the views of people change when they change their position. Our great and good friend Senator Riley was a staunch upholder of the Liberal platform, with its plank for Senate reform, but when in the fullness of time he was translated to that august body and became numbered with the political saints for the remainder of his natural life, he took quite a different view of the situation. Reposing in the calmness of the senatorial atmosphere, and reflecting how in the course of human events the grim reaper had gathered up a large number of those who, with more or less dignity had worn the senatorial toga, so that Liberals, tried and true, were elevated to the places filled by wicked Tories, the Senator came to regard Senate reform as something not for politicians, and as a matter that could safely be entrusted to higher authority. "God is reforming the Senate," said the genial gentleman who occupies the place once filled by the Minister of Inland Revenue in the Red Chamber, and it was about as neat a way of dodging a political conundrum as we have heard in a long time. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a man of considerable courage, but we take leave to doubt if he would state to the House of Commons Senator Riley's explanation of his inaction, although if the truth were told, it is probable that his unreadiness to act upon the Liberal plank is due for the most part to the reason which Senator Riley so picturesquely gave.

The Standard Oil company seems to be likely to come out on top. And Theodore I. is going to Africa.

The outlook for mining in Klondyke is said to be very bright. This is good news for us all.

The news that an elevator site at Eburne, on the Fraser, has been purchased by a Duluth capitalist is a very interesting piece of information.

We are shortly to hear a good deal about goings-on in Holland; and, if conditions are favorable, there may be a libel suit or two before long. Mr. W. T. R. Preston has been transferred by the Dominion government from Japan to that country.

Just now the public are being treated to a little "too much Johnson." The newspapers are giving the colored pugilist column after column of space; his smallest doings are told at length, and most absurd of all, he is to be received in his native town with a public demonstration.

This daylight saving idea is spreading. Halifax has taken it up and it is now proposed to have the clock advanced an hour on May 1, and turned back an hour on October 1. Is there any reason why Victoria should not be in the fashion? And there is a whole lot to be said in favor of the scheme, too.

It is stated that the Grand Trunk Pacific is not asking for a loan from the government, but only that the government shall take some of its bonds at par. This plan has one feature to recommend it. The sale of the bonds below par will be thereby prevented and the cost of the railway will be correspondingly reduced.

The press of Eastern Canada is commencing to discern a gleam of light on the Asiatic immigration problem. Harkens to the Ottawa Journal: "British Columbia, which is by no means a thickly-populated province, contains 38,000 Orientals. Thirty-eight thousand seem a whole lot for a white man's country."

A couple of Japanese cruisers will shortly visit Esquimalt. Should the people not go into ecstasies over the spectacle which will be presented on that occasion at the erstwhile naval base in the Pacific of the British squadron, we trust that the Imperial government may be able to understand that there are extenuating circumstances.

Apparently the session of Parliament is not going to be very much prolonged. There is really not very much to be done. As far as we can see the public are not hungry for any more legislation just now. They have had a pretty full meal of such fodder and may advantageously be left to digest it before being asked to partake of some more.

We have a letter from Mr. A. P. Luxton, solicitor and counsel for the Esquimalt Water Works Company, in which he says that the Colonist was incorrect in stating that his company had agreed to the proposed plan of arbitration to ascertain the value of their holdings in case the city should desire to take them over. Fortunately no harm was done by the statement, for the company was able to correct it before the Legislature took up the Bill. The Colonist was misinformed as to the position of the negotiations. Our informant was himself in error.

Happily there was no truth in the distressing rumor afloat yesterday to the effect that His Majesty the King was dead. It is to be feared, however, that the Sovereign is not in robust health. We have before us a special cable dispatch from London dated March 3, which reads as follows: "It is officially announced that King Edward's forthcoming trip to Biarritz is not a holiday, but is due solely to reasons of health, his physicians having in 1908 strongly urged him not to spend March and April in Great Britain."

What would appear to be an excellent suggestion, which the Vancouver

Island Development Association might take under consideration, is advanced by Mr. Pilling, of Quatsino. His idea is that at a favorable season this summer an excursion around Vancouver Island ought to be arranged under the auspices of the League. A number of launches could be taken along which would permit of the various bays and inlets being visited. This strikes us as being a splendid proposal and we trust that it may be acted upon.

Mr. Aemellus Jarvis, of Toronto, is an optimist. He is a great believer in the future of Canada, and some remarks he made in an interview the other day are worth repeating. To quote: "What do I think of the possibilities of Trade? That is easy to answer. They were never more promising. I expect a big year and greater doings in the future. Banking and business principles are sound in Canada. This is an asset in itself. In a word, everything is on the way to prosperity. But we must be cautious, and do well what we undertake."

Sir Frederick Borden, in answer to the criticism of the militia department and its expenditures, mentions that the increase in the cost of stores and supplies is due to the increase in the permanent force on account of the taking over of Halifax and Esquimalt. It is good to have this authoritative assurance that the taking over of Esquimalt has resulted in an increase in the permanent force. Without it, the people of Victoria, who are pretty close to Esquimalt and have knowledge of the present situation there, might be led to believe that the defensive force of Canada was in a very bad way.

The supplementary convention respecting commercial relations between Canada and France has now been laid before the Commons at Ottawa. It will doubtless be closely scrutinized. In Great Britain it is not viewed with favor, the opinion being that it will to a large extent nullify the benefits of the preference now accorded British goods in Canadian markets. The Unionists are making much of it in their campaign in the interests of fiscal reform, pointing out that because Great Britain is not in a position to offer Canada any preference in return the Dominion is slipping away in so far as trade relations are concerned, and that the work of consolidating the Empire is thus delayed.

The government finds it difficult to keep the Northwest Mounted Police force up to its required strength. Similarly, it is almost impossible to get men to serve for any length of time in the permanent militia force. The trouble of course is the small rate of pay compared with what the men may earn in other vocations. We fear that for many years to come the government will be confronted with this disability in connection with these branches of the public service. Canada is a land of opportunity, and the population is, comparatively, so small that there is no idle class on which to draw like there is in the Old Country. How would it do to increase the rate of pay?

Very significant of a change in public sentiment in the matter of drastic temperance reform is the announcement that the civic election in Fredericton, New Brunswick, has resulted in the defeat of the "Scott Act" ticket, the nominee of which advocated a species of prohibition. It is becoming clearer every day that if any practical steps are to be taken in the direction of overcoming the drink evil it will be rather because of a careful effort to educate public opinion than through the application of an aggressive drastic policy. For this reason it will be seen that the McBride government has taken the wiser course in determining that the people should lead the government on this question instead of the government leading the people.

The British Empire is a pretty big thing when you come to look at it on the map of the world, but it appears it is not big enough to supply the people of England with meat. Exporters of this very necessary article of diet in the United States have for long profited from this situation, but if the latest story from London is to be believed, John Bull will be forced to look elsewhere for his meat. The medical health officer of the metropolis declares that a large proportion of one consignment of meat from the United States is badly diseased, and this despite the fact that it bore an official tag that it had been inspected and passed as sound in the country of exportation. We suppose this will lead to another "enquiry" on both sides of the Atlantic, but are not at all sure that as a result dishonesty and fraud in commercial transactions will be heard of no more. One thing is clear, however, there should be the most rigid inspection of all food supplies at the point where they are to be distributed to the consumer. This appears to be about the only measure of self-protection which an importing nation can take.

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Salad Bowls, each . . . \$1.25
Fruit Saucers, dozen . . . \$2.25

TROUVILLE SHAPE—Matt gold hand on edge and rim, mat gold decorated handles. Pretty clusters of violets, with bright green leaves—

Teas and Saucers, dozen . . \$6.50
Flat Plates, dozen, \$4.50 and \$3.75
Fruit Saucers, dozen . . . \$3.00
Salad Bowls, each . . . \$1.50

TROUVILLE SHAPE—Heavy stippled matt gold edge and border with wreath of pink and white roses and green leaves. Handsome—

Teas and Saucers, dozen, \$7.50 and \$7.00
Flat Plates, dozen, \$5.50 and \$4.50
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Sugars and Creams, each . . 65¢

VIENNA SHAPE—Fancy decorated gold edge and gold line, solid gold handles on dishes and cups. Neat, plain and very pretty—

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Chocolate Cups and Saucers, dozen . . . \$10.00
Flat Plates, dozen, \$6.50 and . . . \$5.00
Fruit Saucers, dozen . . . \$4.00
Chocolate Pots, each . . . \$3.50
Fruit Saucers, dozen . . . \$4.00
Cake Plates, round, handled . . . \$1.50
Sugar Bowls, open, each . . . 75¢
Cream Jugs, each . . . \$1.00

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Teas and Saucers, dozen, \$9.00 and . . . \$8.50
A. D. Coffees and Saucers, dozen . . . \$8.00
Bouillon Cups and Saucers, dozen . . . \$12.00
Chocolate Cups and Saucers, dozen . . . \$9.00
Chocolate Pots, each . . . \$3.50
Flat Plates, dozen, \$5.50 and . . . \$4.75
Fruit Saucers, dozen . . . \$4.00
Cake Plates, round, handled . . . \$1.50
Sugar Bowls, open, each . . . 75¢
Cream Jugs, each . . . \$1.00
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Forty Years Ago

The British Colonist, Thursday, March 11, 1869.

The North German bark Cecrops, Capt. George Weidman, consigned to Janion, Rhodes & Co., of this city, 45 days from Liverpool, anchored in the Outer Harbor at an early hour yesterday morning. She sailed from the Liverpool docks on October 16th. She brought about 600 tons of freight, but no passengers.

J. A. MacCrea, Esq., formerly chief engineer of the fire department, was the recipient last evening of a flattering address from the Union Hook and Ladder Co., of which organization he has been an active member for the last ten years—the company having been organized mainly through Mr. MacCrea's efforts in 1859. The company, in uniform, proceeded with torches and music to Mr. MacCrea's residence in Rae street, where the address was presented, and a cordial interchange of sentiment took place. Mr. MacCrea leaves on the Stephens for San Francisco.

Four large ships were seen off Race Rocks yesterday morning, evidently bound for Nanaimo.

H. M. S. Sparrowhawk, with Admiral Hastings on board, returned yesterday evening from Butte Inlet.

About People

In connection with the jubilee of Mr. Albert Midlane's hymn, "There's a friend for Little Children," celebrated all over the world the other Sunday, the Guardian gives some information about its known tune. This, by Sir John Stainer, called "In Memoriam," first appeared in the enlarged 1875 edition of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," for which it was composed. The committee engaged on the music were meeting at the Langham Hotel, London, and when this hymn came up for consideration it was found that, though they had several tunes before them, none were considered satisfactory. It was suggested that a new tune might be written by one of the committee, and Sir Henry Baker proposed that Sir John Stainer should write to his "Henry's" bedroom and try what he could do. Sir John complied with the suggestion, and in a very short time returned with the present tune, which was at once adopted.

So far as in him lies, Lord Tennyson has, says the Pall Mall Gazette, been preparing for the defence of the nation by sending his eldest son into the Cambridgeshire Yeomanry and his youngest to the Naval College. He has, he told his audience at Newport, Isle of Wight, a remembrance of how Carlyle used to grumble to him that Lord Tennyson about the unpreparedness of the country, and the late Laureate would seem to have been very much of the grumbler's mind when he was writing about what would happen if the enemy's fleet turned up, yonder, under the hill. The poet indeed foresaw that the dragoon's assistant "would leap from his counter and till, and might be expected to 'strike one blow, were it but with his cheating clothwand, home'; but he was not prepared to say more. His son has given a more practical answer to Carlyle.

BRITISH OPINION

Whether the dissolution comes two years hence, as the Government proposes (writes the Daily Telegraph) or earlier, as far as may dispose of the meeting of both Houses will open a period likely to be memorable in Parliamentary history. Apart from other aspects the main character of the coming session may be described in a sentence. It will be in reality the Government's last chance, and the legislative sequel will go far to determine the result of the next general election. The session, prolonged almost up to Christmas, was an unexampled use of the closure, was to the last degree ambitious, barren, and wasteful. This, as we fairly admit, was partly due to forces beyond human control. A fresh start is now to be made, and the question is whether these blunders can be retrieved. The circumstances are altered, and Unionists will do wisely to recognize the change. Mr. Asquith is master in his own right. The saner elements in the Cabinet have asserted their ascendancy. Propositions of wild-cat adventure have been crushed. In a situation where no Radical can be sanguine, Mr. Asquith and the strongest and shrewdest of his colleagues have at least determined to adopt a patient plan of campaign, and have made their strategy as far as possible. Although passionate protests have been made that sober counsels are prevailing—though it is now protested even the Budget will not be a vindictive or retributive measure—although every effort has been made to throw around the present position of Ministers a specious air of moderation, it is certain that all this is a large and a matter of tactics, and that in truth the Government was Session when a large number of vital national interests were more nearly concerned.

The Standard says:—It is with simulated eagerness that the supporters of the Government are awaiting its declaration of policy in the Speech from the Throne. Almost to the last moment they have been keeping up the pretence that the opening of the session will spring some great surprise on the country. To the affairs of Ireland will be given more attention than may be desired by the Chief Secretary. For Mr. Birrell as a man, and even as a politician, it is difficult not to feel a certain tenderness. His general intentions are admirable. His intellectual subtlety is unattainable. His eloquence, as far as the most effective circumstances he can indulge a genuine humor, and when his back is up against the wall he can deliver a good fighting speech. But it is generally recognized in Ireland that as Chief Secretary the sympathetic Mr. Birrell has failed even more conspicuously than Mr. Bryce. In spite of all his "colloquies" with Mr. Redmond and Mr. Dillon, he has not conciliated the followers of Mr. William O'Brien, semi-moderate and clerical, as offended by his Land Bill. Meantime the more violent organizations have been strengthening their hold on the peasantry and the progress of disorder has been practically uncontrolled. Boycotting of the severest type, which had almost disappeared, has become frequent; the militant form of persecution, as far as the National party, while the wrong office of cattle-driving has become an established, safe, and profitable amusement; acts of bodily violence go unpunished; murder is held no crime whether the victim is a landowner or landowner's servant.

VANCOUVER ISLAND AND RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT

(Charles H. Lugin)

XIV.

(I am indebted to Mr. E. Baynes Reed for the privilege of examining the Essay of Dr. Forbes B.N., referred to in the last preceding article. It was the first prize essay in the competition invited by the government of Vancouver Island in 1862. It is an exceedingly valuable, interesting and well written pamphlet, and in some instances is almost prophetic in its forecasts of the future.)

Some Settled Districts.

The following description of the agricultural capabilities of Sooke district in the southern part of the Island is from the pen of Mr. Thomas Murray and is reprinted from the Colonist of December 13, 1908:

"Having touched briefly on the scenery and some of the potentialities of the place we now come to its chief attraction in the eyes of the agriculturist, viz., the land. Beginning about half way up the Harbor, at a place called Kapor's Bay (where the Sooke oysters come from) and extending in an unbroken tract to the shores of the Straits, a distance of six miles, lies a stretch of land amounting to over four thousand acres, which for richness of soil cannot be excelled on the Island. Much of this land is cleared and cultivated and where proper methods have been employed and the necessary care taken, the results have been such as to satisfy the most exacting, the rich soil being well supplied with humus and having a clay subsoil retains the moisture so that when the pasture is lighter and gravelly land is burned up with the drought of summer, the grass and clover in this district remains fresh and green, thus making dairying a profitable industry here, though the long distance from the nearest creamery is a great drawback to the dairyman. The ease with which clover is grown and its presence over the whole district makes this an ideal place for bee-keeping, the excellence of Sooke honey being well established by the prizes awarded to it at several agricultural shows."

Lying between Sooke and Victoria are the sections known as Metchesin, Happy Valley and Esquimalt. I have no available data from which to estimate accurately the area of arable land in this part of the Island, but it is very considerable and admirably adapted to fruit-raising and general farming. At this point it may be useful to quote from a pamphlet by Mr. Gilbert Malcolm Sprout, written in 1872, in which he gave some statistics said to have been compiled from the Colonist of August 7th 1872. (The date must be a misprint, for I do not find any such statistics in the Colonist of that date):

Estimate of agricultural land on Vancouver Island:

Near Victoria	100,000 acres
Saanich	64,000 "
Sooke	3,750 "
Cowichan	100,000 "
Nanaimo	45,000 "
Comox	50,000 "

Mr. Sprout's estimate of Saanich is somewhat indefinite, because it does not give any indication of the boundaries of the district included in it. The Saanich Peninsula is really, geographically speaking, that part of the Island which lies east of Victoria Arm, Finlayson Inlet and Saanich Arm. It is about 22 miles long and has an average width of perhaps 10 miles. Its area is, probably, about 90,000 acres, and out of it must be taken the city of Victoria and its residential suburbs. What proportion of this is fit for agriculture in one form or another cannot be stated with accuracy, but substantially the whole of it can be utilized either for cultivation or pasture. I quote the following from the Colonist of last December 14th.

"In fact, for fruit-growing in all its branches Saanich ranks high among the districts of southern Vancouver Island. On account of its great area of tillable land and the large number of progressive farmers who have settled there, Saanich alone produces a very great proportion of the fruit grown in this part of the Island. Not alone in fruit, but in all sorts of agricultural produce as well the district gives place to none."

I quote the same writer's description of Cowichan, which is one of the most interesting parts of the Island: "Cowichan Valley, or district, is situated on the eastern shore of Vancouver Island, and generally speaking, it includes all the country lying between and including Chemainus on the north and Shawnigan Lake on the south, and all the region drained by Cowichan Lake and river, as well as that drained by the Chemainus and Koksilah rivers."

"It will thus be seen that the valley is very extensive and diversified. Its western portion around Cowichan Lake being very rugged and mountainous and covered with a heavy growth of the finest timber to be found in British Columbia. But even among those wooded mountains there are many grassy glades and glens, now loamed over by deer and elk, that will eventually make the finest fruit and dairy farms imaginable, and all around the shores of the lake and along the upper part of the river are many fine tracts of land that are only awaiting the coming of the railroad bringing the settlers to develop as fine homes as any to be found along the line of the E. and N. with the added advantage of beautiful surroundings and close proximity to those haunts of wild game that will never be invaded by civilization, as well as access to the finest body of water for fishing and boating to be found the wide world over—the famous Cowichan Lake. Cowichan Lake is the largest and deepest lake on Vancouver Island, being twenty-two miles long. The natural wealth of this part of Vancouver Island is beyond estimation, for beside the heavy growth of timber which the mountains are covered, it is well known that many valuable mineral deposits exist in that region which, like the timber and the agricultural land, are awaiting the coming of the railroad."

This splendid district has never failed to elicit the admiration of all persons who have visited it. Dr. Forbes in his Essay lays great stress upon its future value. Mr. J. Despard Pemberton, Surveyor-General of Vancouver Island, writing in 1860, had this and other areas in mind when he said: "Plains at intervals are found extending to Cape Mudge, that is 150 miles measured along the coast," and after speaking of their fertility added: "The capabilities of the Island to support a large population is admitted." The agricultural area directly tributary to Nanaimo is put by M. Sprout at 45,000 acres, but I am satisfied that it is considerably larger. A very interesting experiment has been tried in the neighborhood of that city in the clearing of "five-acre farms," for the miners employed in the coal mines there. These small farms have proved to be everything that was expected of them. They demonstrate, not only the value of the soil of Vancouver Island, but also show how comparatively small an area will prove sufficient for the support of a family. On this point I again quote from the writer in the Colonist: "No mention of Nanaimo would be complete without reference to the district round about it. On the outskirts of the City are what is known as the Five-Acre Homesteads, well laid out, tracts of five and ten-acre lots originally taken up by miners. So productive is the Island soil that many of those who took up these tracts of land have now retired from the mines, and are making a comfortable competency from the cultivation of these plots. The district contains much acreage yet uncultivated."

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Morocco Seeks Loan.

Tangier, March 9.—It is reported that Mohammed Sidi El Mokri, former minister of foreign affairs of Morocco, is going to Paris to arrange with the French government for a new loan of \$26,000,000 which is to be secured by the annual customs receipt. The loan, it is stated, will be applied to the payment of the Casablanca indemnities and other outstanding claims.

WRONGLY IMPRISONED

Strange Case of Former Torontonian, Who is Cleared By Another's Confession

Ottawa, March 9.—The minister of justice will be given a deathbed confession by a man named Baxter, who passed away a few days ago in St. Michael's hospital, Toronto. Six years ago Carey, an ex-soldier of the Royal Rifle Brigade of England, was sentenced to fourteen years' penal servitude in Manchester, England, for a crime against the moral laws of Britain. He was originally hailed from Toronto, was unable to elect himself, and while awaiting sentence took a last desperate chance of being sent back to Canada by confessing in his English prison that he was the murderer of little Glory Whelan, whose awful death shocked Canada in 1903. The Toronto police, however, received a visit from a mysterious stranger, who showed that Carey was not the murderer, and on this information sent him back to prison on the first charge for fourteen years.

This was in 1903. E. E. Gagnon reached the capital today to lay the case before Mr. Aylesworth. Mr. Gagnon was in Toronto and called to see Carey's family about the Baxter deed, and when the clergyman came to the aged mother of the prisoner with

the proof of her son's innocence she begged Gagnon to go to Ottawa and see Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Acting on the advice of his legal adviser, Alexander Smith, of this city, however, the delegate will today interview the minister of justice, so that proper representations may be made to the British authorities for the release of Carey.

MALCONTENTS DECLARE MURDER IS NO SIN

Agrarian Trouble in Ireland is Marked With Every Sign of Anarchy

Dublin, March 10.—In view of the tragedy recently enacted at Craughwell, Galway, where Constable McGoldrick was killed, the statement made on behalf of a claimant in a compensation case at Ennis in regard to the intimidatory methods employed against him is of interest. Counsel for the applicant told the jury that his client had been boycotted for years, and was constantly under police protection. Notices had been posted through the country advocating murder. He had in his possession one of these notices which ran: "Our society is led to believe that murder is no sin in the land war."

Commenting on the shooting of Constable McGoldrick, the Nationalist Irish People declares that a country where such occurrences take place is on the brink of anarchy, and that there could not be a surer way to dig the grave of Home Rule than to have the invasion of private property, in the case at Craughwell. "But this most regrettable tragedy cannot fail to direct public attention to the fact that all such incidents have their source in a murder years. The modern evangel is that it is necessary at any cost to 'kick up a row.' A mere peaceful settlement of any question is tabooed. During the last two years a large part of Ireland has been convulsed owing to the cattle-driving folly. The most immoral doctrines were openly preached. The salvation of Ireland was to be found in the invasion of private property, in the scattering of some obnoxious person's cattle in the dead of night, in the open violation of the canons of elementary morality. The head-arms of the country were urged to take the law into their own hands. An appeal was made to the basest appetites and prejudices. In no part of Ireland were these feelings more wantonly instigated and fomented than in Galway. No citizen could safely go about his own moral."

Further agrarian outrages are reported from various parts of the country. Thirty cattle have been driven off a farm near Killeenau, Tipperary, occupied by the tenant of the farm, the notorious Dallyphill ranch. The latter has lodged a claim for \$1,000 in respect of injuries, suffered by his stock in drives, for which thirty-one men are being held by a family in the neighborhood. It appears that a Moydoe tenant, in Sligo, through whose land a new road projected by the Congested Districts Board is to pass, opposed by project and proceeded to dig up his field. One morning he found that the sods had been turned back during the night, and that a grave had been dug. At the head of this was a board bearing a rough sketch of a coffin and a notice warning the tenant to desist from his opposition to the road, otherwise he would receive "further kindnesses." No citizen could safely go about his own moral."

Hostility towards the existing order of things has lately been displayed in another direction. In County Sligo the other day the O'Hara Harriers met for a hunt, and shortly after the pack drew off, five hounds dropped dead from poison evidently picked up on the land.

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OAKLAND RESULTS

Fast Sport Yesterday at the Emeryville Track—Today's Entries

Oakland, Cal., March 10.—Today's results at the Emeryville track were as follows:

First Race—Trans Atlantic 1, Donovan 2, Alder Gulch 3.
Second Race—Hatcher Royal 1, Patricia R. 2, Royal N. 3.
Third Race—Work Box 1, Little Sis 2, Bright Skies 3.
Fourth Race—Arasee 1, Oregana 2, First Post 3.
Fifth Race—Woolen 1, Import 2, Keep Moving 3.
Sixth Race—Dargin 1, Cloudlight 2, Ketchikan 3.

Thursday's entries—First race, 3 1/4 furlongs, colts—Bezon 11, Sixteen 11, Balronin 11, Turret 107, Nappa 106, Cinnamon 106, Jack Dennerlin 106, Quality Street 105, Costa 105, Pretend 105, Binocular 102, Cintra 99, Miss Georgia 95.
Second race, Futurity course—May Course—May Amelia 112, Earl Rogers 109, Merchant 109, Blanche 107, Ray Bennett 108, John A. Mallon 107, Raconteur 106, Pleasure 106, Adena 106, Sevenfall 106, J. C. Core 105.
Third race, two miles—Hurry 106, Nader 105, Loistella 105, Benvenuto 103, Mendon 103, Ramsack 102, Songwriter 101, Milford 99.
Fourth race, 5 1/2 mile—Sempromium 109, Warden 106, Stroke 108, Bishop W. 105, Yankee Daughter 104, Lighthouse 102, Capt. Hansen 102.
Fifth race, 7 1/2 mile—The Mist 119, Dautchland 112, Ellard 112, Lens 109, Huber 109, Merchant 109, Blanche 107, Roman Wing 105, Rockstone 104, Gypsie King 104.
Sixth race, 1 1/4 mile—Cadlehon 113, Capt. Hale 113, N'flick 113, Okente 113, Brookfield 112, Lucy C. 111, Gargat 111, Sake 109, Miss Mazzoni 107, Osea 95, Yankee Tourist 95, Mauritania 95.

Claimed Damages For Flood-Bite
London, March 10.—A good many singular claims have been made under the Workmen's Compensation act, but none quite so extraordinary as the one brought last week in the Cardiff county court. A carpenter who had been engaged in putting in a shop front at Canton was savagely bitten by a flea, and as a result claimed that he was unable to follow his occupation. The plaintiff's solicitor explained that his client was bitten by the insect in the course of his work, and was unfortunately too ill to appear. The defendant, in his evidence, admitted that the plaintiff had told him of the flea-

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bite, and snowed him his leg, "and," he went on, "it was more like the bite of a bulldog." Of course, an insect which can bite like a bulldog is not to be trifled with.

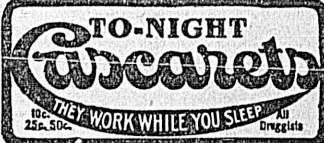
Population of Great Britain

London, March 10.—There was issued recently the fifth number of the Statistical Abstract for the British empire in each year from 1893 to 1907. Commencing with area and population, and dealing with the United Kingdom, it appears that with 121,000 square miles the estimated population in 1907 was 4,588,718, giving 37.4 persons per square mile. The total population of the British Empire is given as 385,357,000, and the area 11,332,000 square miles, equal to 34.0 per square mile. The estimated population of London (administrative county) in 1903 appears at 4,795,757 as compared with 3,830,297 for the census of 1881. It would appear from these statistics that London has only about half a million more population than New York city.

Rate of Infantile Mortality

London, March 10.—Mr. W. Robson, sanitary inspector to the urban dis-

trict council of Leadgate, a small mining and iron manufacturing town in northwest Durham, advances, in a report which he has just made to the council, an original remedy for the high rate of infantile mortality which prevails in many parts of the country. Mr. Robson suggests that an act should be passed compelling the curfew bell to be rung in every town and city at 8 p.m., warning people, under penalty, to have all their children under twelve months old in bed at that hour. That would undoubtedly tend towards lowering the death-rate he says, his view being that such infantile mortality is due to the custom of keeping young children out of doors at hours when they ought to be in bed and asleep.



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NEWS OF THE CITY

Local Clearings.
Bank clearings for the week ended Tuesday were \$1,179,191.

Salvationists' Meeting.
A special meeting will be held in the S. A. Citadel, 1412 Broad street, tonight, conducted by Major and Mrs. Morris, of Vancouver.

Attitude Towards Bible.
In his address at the special Lenten service in Christ Church Cathedral at 8 o'clock this evening, Bishop Perrin will consider the duty of church people in their attitude towards the Bible.

Amateurs Will Act.
Tonight the Victoria West Amateur Dramatic society will present the farce comedy, "Clover Farm," at Semple's hall, Victoria West. The performance will be repeated again tomorrow night.

St. Andrew's Concert.
The regular monthly concert and dance of St. Andrew's society will be held next Tuesday evening at the A.O. U.W. hall. A good programme has been prepared and the event promises to be most successful.

Lectures Tonight.
Rev. Mark Lev will deliver an address this evening at the prayer meeting of the First Baptist church in Victoria hall, his subject being: "Israel as represented in the Parables of Our Lord."

Fraternal Visit.
Court Vancouver, No. 5755, Ancient Order of Foresters, will pay a fraternal visit to Court Maple Leaf "female court," at their regular meeting on Friday, March 12th, 1909, held in Sir William Wallace hall, on Broad street.

Concert Today.
The programme of Mrs. Roy Troup's concert in the rotunda of the Empress hotel this Thursday evening is as follows: "Morning Song," "Remembrance"; "Two Songs," by Garnet W. Cox; "Villanelle," by Eva Dell Acqua; and "A Song of Thanksgiving," by Francis Allitsen.

New Manager Coming.
Mr. Chamberlain, the newly appointed general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company, is expected to arrive in this city towards the end of the present month. Mr. Darcy Tate, of Montreal, the company's solicitor, will probably remain here to await his arrival on the coast.

Bible Society Branch.
The Victoria branch of the Canadian Bible Society will hold its annual meeting at the Metropolitan Methodist church on April 1. Rev. C. C. Owen, of the Episcopal church from Vancouver, will be present and will deliver an address. The annual reports and other business of the society will be dealt with.

Pre-communion Services.
This evening will be held in the First Presbyterian church, the pre-communion service, when a large number of new communicants will be received into full fellowship and membership. A similar service will also take place this evening in St. Andrew's church, and the quarterly sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed in both churches on Sunday morning next.

Board of Trade Meeting.
It is expected that Mr. Hutchison, the Canadian Exhibition Commissioner, will be present at the monthly meeting of the board of trade, which takes place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The railway committee will further report upon the Victoria-Barkley Sound railway charter, while the advisability of removing the duty on all coal entering Canada will be discussed.

Sunday School Workers.
The annual convention of the Victoria district of the International Sunday School Workers' association, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24th, at the First Presbyterian church Sunday schoolrooms. Several papers will be read upon features of Sunday school work and Mr. Stewart Muirhead, the general secretary, will present a paper on some interesting topics. Several well known local artists have promised to contribute solos.

Scotland's Immortals.
"A Night With Burns and Scott," was the subject of an interesting lecture delivered last night by Rev. John Simpson, M.A., of Vancouver, in the lecture room of the Congregational church, a very interesting lecture on "Two Immortals," which was divided into two parts, the first being devoted to Burns and the second to Scott. During the interval Miss Lawson read the dramatic scene between Fitzjames and Roderick Dhu, while Mr. Sinclair sang "Bonnie Doon," and Mr. Gordon, "Blue Bonnets Over the Border," with "Bonnie Dundee," as an encore. Dr. Milne was in the chair. The lecture room was crowded.

Ladies' Musical Club Concert.
Beethoven and Schubert are to be interpreted at the Ladies' Musical club's next concert, in St. John's hall, on Saturday next, at 2.30 o'clock. A comprehensive and very attractive programme has been arranged. The soloists will be Miss Norma Spencer, Mrs. Harry Pooley, Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. Donald Lamont, Mrs. Macleure and Mr. Goss. Mrs. Hermann Robertson and Miss Miles are to contribute the piano accompaniments. The Ladies' Musical club's concerts are being attended by large and appreciative audiences. This week's event, devoted to two great and inspiring masters, promises to be one of the most popular and noteworthy features of the musical season.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., March 10, 1909.

SYNOPSIS.
The barometer remains abnormally high over the North Pacific slope and fair weather continues. Fresh to high northerly winds are reported along the coast from the Columbia river to California. A pronounced cold wave extends from the Rockies eastward to Manitoba.

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	Min.	Max.
Victoria	31	49
Vancouver	31	47
New Westminster	32	48
Kamloops	34	48
Barkerville	20	31
Altn	34	32
Dawson, Y. T.	10	18
Calgary, Alta.	2	18
Winnipeg, Man.	0	16
Portland, Ore.	34	52
San Francisco, Cal.	50	64

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:
Victoria and vicinity: Light or moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair, not much change in temperature.

WEDNESDAY.
Highest.....49
Lowest.....31
Mean.....42
Sunshine, 1 hour, 48 minutes.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.
Victoria meteorological office, 3rd to 9th March, 1909:

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine was 17 hours, 54 minutes, rain .22 inch, highest temperature 52.4 on 3rd, lowest 31.4 on 9th.
Vancouver—Total sunshine 13 hours and 48 minutes, rain 1.34 inch, highest temperature 50 on 4th, lowest 28 on 6th.
New Westminster—Rain 1.32 inch, highest temperature 62 on 4th, lowest 28 on 6th.
Kamloops—Rain .01 inch, highest temperature 52 on 3rd, lowest 24 on 6th.
Barkerville—Snow 4.50 inches, highest temperature 38 on 3rd, lowest 6 on 6th.
Port Simpson—Rain .48 inch, highest temperature 42 on 8th, lowest 28 on 4th.
Altn—Snow .40 inch, highest temperature 36 on 9th, lowest 8 below on 5th.
Dawson—Snow 2.80 inches, highest temperature 14 on 5th, lowest 24 below on 8th.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, March, 1909.

Date	Time	High	Time	Low	Time	High	Time	Low
1	8:38	8:7	17:51	2:4	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	4:20	8:6	.....	18:39	2:3	.....	.....	.....
3	4:30	8:7	.....	19:22	2:4	.....	.....	.....
4	3:55	8:58	8:11	19:58	8:12	.....	.....	.....
5	6:05	8:2	7:51	19:12	8:9	20:34	2:8	.....
6	4:30	7:9	9:22	7:13	13:49	7:7	21:07	3:2
7	4:16	7:9	9:43	6:56	14:32	7:5	21:39	3:6
8	4:22	7:10	10:18	6:05	15:28	7:3	22:10	4:2
9	4:42	8:0	10:59	5:12	16:26	7:0	22:39	4:8
10	5:04	7:0	11:45	4:17	17:24	6:8	23:05	5:5
11	5:29	7:0	12:34	4:7	19:09	6:6	23:25	6:2
12	5:46	8:0	13:26	4:2	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	5:38	8:14	21:37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	4:0	8:15	18:2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	6:12	8:10	16:5	2:7	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	7:02	8:17	10:23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	8:20	8:18	0:1	2:0	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	.....	.....	10:09	8:5	11:50	8:4	19:34	1:8
19	3:12	7:6	7:52	6:5	13:13	8:3	20:17	2:2
20	3:08	7:3	8:43	5:5	14:18	8:1	20:59	2:8
21	3:24	8:0	9:33	4:5	15:24	7:8	21:40	3:7
22	3:48	8:19	2:3	4:16	16:36	7:5	22:19	4:5
23	4:16	8:31	11:34	3:11	17:59	7:2	23:06	5:7
24	4:45	8:42	12:08	2:6	20:02	7:0	23:52	6:6
25	5:12	8:51	13:06	2:3	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	5:29	8:14	0:7	2:2	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	5:30	8:15	0:5	2:4	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	5:36	8:16	0:9	2:4	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	5:36	8:16	0:9	2:4	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	5:36	8:16	0:9	2:4	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	5:30	8:17	0:7	2:9	.....	.....	.....	.....

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings in the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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Due—Daily at 2 p.m.
United States Via Vancouver
Closes—Daily, except Sunday, at 11.30 p.m.
Due—6 p.m. daily.
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Due—Via Nanaimo, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, by steamer, 5, 13, 27.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Women would seem to have achieved political emancipation in Sweden without proving their fitness for it by barbarous lawlessness, and measuring physical strength with men. The Swedish Diet, by a vote of 120 to 98, in the upper chamber, and of 134 to 98 in the lower, has passed an act to establish universal suffrage. Hereafter Swedish women will be entitled to vote in all elections in the same way as men, and be eligible as candidates for all elective bodies. A similar law is in force in Finland, and some eight women had seats in the Diet of that Grand Duchy. Sweden is the first independent nation to adopt this system. In several of the states, in the United States, universal, or rather equal suffrage for both sexes has been in operation for many years. More recently it has been adopted in Australia and New Zealand. None of the evil effects, foretold by opponents of female enfranchisement have followed, though it will be questioned whether results would be the same in more densely populated countries where conditions are more complex. The Swedes, like all northern races, are foreseeing and hard-headed. They are devoted to free political institutions and are less under the control of ecclesiastical authority than southern races. In thus extending the power of government to women, the democratic principle is overlapping a mysterious boundary imposed by nature whose whole import no man or woman knows. All who stand in reverence before the facts of nature will watch these experiments

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A Parable.

A rose in tatters on the garden path Cried out to God, and murmured 'gainst his wrath, Because a sudden wind at twilight's hush Had snapped her stem alone of all the bush; And God, who hears both sun-dried and dew-drenched flowers, Had pity, whispering to that luckless one: "Sister, in that thou sayest we did not well, What voices hearst thou when thy pet-What voices hearst thou when thy pet-And the Rose answered, "In that evil hour A voice said 'Father, wherefore falls For lo! the very gossamers are still? And a voice answered, 'Son, by Allah's will.'"

Then softly as the rain mist on the sward Came to the rose the answer of the Lord: "Sister, before we smote the dark in twain, Ere yet the stars saw one another plain, Time, Tide and Space we bound unto the task That thou shouldst fail, and such an one should ask." Whereat the withered flower, all content, Died, as they die whose lives are innocent. While he who questioned why the flower fell Caught hold of God and saved his soul from hell. —Rudyard Kipling.

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TO TOUR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Presbyterian Pastors Have Perfected Plans For an Evangelistic Campaign

The Presbyterian church in Canada is planning and has nearly completed arrangements for an evangelistic campaign of magnitude in the Kootenay region of British Columbia and southwestern Alberta, and Cranbrook, Moyle, Fernie, Nelson, Kaslo, Rossland, Slocan, Sandon, Trail and possibly some of the towns in the boundary district of West Kootenay.

The workers who will carry on the work consist of a number of J. Wilbur Chapman's evangelists and singers, and a large number of Canada's greatest pastors and professors. Some of those who intend to join the party are Rev. W. D. Reid, pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the province of Quebec and one of the most noted and powerful ministers in the city of Montreal, Prof. Kilpatrick, of Knox college, Toronto, Rev. J. D. Morrow, Toronto, Principal Patrick of Manitoba college, and Rev. Charles W. Gordon ("Ralph Connor") the noted minister and novelist.

It is intended that the party shall leave Winnipeg about the first of April as the members of the party are expected to be in the field by April 4. Prof. Kilpatrick and Rev. C. W. Gordon will cover the entire field, but the remaining ministers will be stationed in various districts. A portion of the party will spend three weeks in the field, and the remainder six weeks. Every one of the evangelists is giving his entire time free and will be paid only the bare expenses of the trip, such as railway fare and board.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Cox.
The mortal remains of George James Cox who died on Tuesday evening will repose in St. Barnabas church from the hour of 2.30 o'clock this afternoon until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the funeral service will take place, the interment being made in the Ross Bay cemetery.

Dr. W. F. Fraser wishes to call attention to his advertisement appearing on page 6.

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OTTAWA GOVT. MAKES AN UNTRUE STATEMENT

Hon. C. Murphy Denies Having Received Oriental Immigration Resolution

The Dominion government seems to be still doing some desperate side-stepping on the oriental immigration question. At the last session of the local legislature the house passed a resolution praying that application be made to the Imperial government for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances in connection with oriental immigration into British Columbia.

The message was duly transmitted to Ottawa through the proper channel, the lieutenant-governor's office, but no action was taken by the Dominion government. Not content with that, the Liberal secretary of state now denies having received the resolution. It so happens that the same matter was brought up this session by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who had originally introduced the resolution. In reply the provincial secretary brought down the correspondence which was printed in the Votes and Proceedings of February 2. These letters show conclusively that the reply made to Mr. J. D. Taylor by secretary of state Murphy, was untrue, as the resolution was submitted to the Governor-General-in-Council.

The question as asked by Mr. Taylor in the Dominion house and the answer thereto are reproduced from Hansard, and the return of the provincial secretary is printed as given in the Votes and Proceedings of February 2. They speak for themselves.

In Dominion House.
ORIENTAL IMMIGRATION INTO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. J. D. Taylor asked:
1. Has the government received from the government of British Columbia a resolution adopted by the legislature of that province, praying that application be made to the Imperial government for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the circumstances in connection with Oriental immigration into British Columbia?

2. If so, what was the date of receipt, what acknowledgement was made, and what action has been taken?

3. If no action has been taken, is it the intention of the government to deal with the matter?

Hon. Charles Murphy (Secretary of State):

1. No.
2 and 3. See answer to 1.

In Provincial House.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite asked the Hon. the Provincial Secretary the following questions:

1. Has any action been taken by the government in respect to a resolution carried during last session of the House memorializing the Imperial government to appoint a royal commission to fully inquire into all the circumstances in connection with Oriental immigration into the Province of British Columbia?

2. If not, why not?

In answer to the question, the Hon. the Provincial Secretary read the following documents:

"Provincial Secretary's Office.
"Victoria, 10th March, 1908.

"Sir—I have the honor to enclose herewith, for transmission to the Honorable, the Secretary of State, a copy of an approved minute of this date, embodying a resolution passed during the late session of the Legislative Assembly with respect to the question of Oriental immigration into British Columbia, as it affects this Province and the Dominion of Canada and Japan, and which provides that application be made to the Imperial government for the appointment of a royal commission to enquire into the circumstances in connection with this matter and the other matters mentioned in the resolution.

"I am, Your Honor's Obedient Servant,
(Signed) "H. E. YOUNG,
"Provincial Secretary.

"His Honor The Lieutenant-Governor."

"The 16th of March, 1908.

"At Government House, Victoria, B.C."

"Sir—I am directed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing copy of an approved minute of the 10th instant, requesting that application be made to the Imperial Government for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the question of Oriental immigration into this Province. "I have etc.

(Signed) "H. J. S. MUSKETT,
"Private Secretary.

"The Honorable The Provincial Secretary."

"The 28th day of January, 1909,
"At the Government House, Victoria, B.C."

"Dear Sir.—In reply to your memo. of the 27th instant, with regard to a resolution having reference to Oriental Immigration, which was forwarded by His Honor to Ottawa on the 16th March last, the only correspondence thereon received from the Secretary of State was a letter dated the 23rd March, informing His Honor that it had been submitted to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council.

"I am, Sir, Yours truly,
"H. J. S. MUSKETT,
"Private Secretary.

"The Deputy Provincial Secretary."

THE GIRL AND THE BEE.

A Story of the Ignorance of a City Girl.

The city girl coming down to breakfast at the farm house and observing a plate of honey on the table said, "Oh; I see you keep a bee."

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DIRECTORS APPOINTED

Meeting Held of Subscribers to Pacific Government and Concession Company

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Mr. Walrond has just returned from Mexico, where he has been investigating the project as to the best route for the concession is one of the best that has been issued by the government of the republic. The governor of the state of Durango, he says, asserted that it was an exceptional grant. As an evidence of his interest in the venture, Mr. Walrond subscribed for stock that will make him one of the largest holders in the company. He has announced that special rates will be granted from British Columbia to Mexico for the purpose of permitting those who are interested in this or other propositions, on who would care to make the trip as tourists, to do so with less expense than would be necessary under ordinary circumstances.

"Do you approve of the plan of teaching pupils to box?"

"Not unconditionally," replied the pedagogues, remembering his husky nine-year-old, "might be a little rough, though, if you'd authorize the teachers to carry guns."—Philadelphia Ledger.

HIGHER TAX ON LOCAL CHINESE HAWKERS

Fruit Growers Expect Prices to Be Slaughtered on Local Market

If the wishes of the local retail association are met by the city council a tax, much higher than the one now in force, will be placed upon Chinese hawkers of fruits and other produce in the city. At a meeting of the association held on Monday evening the matter was discussed but no definite action was taken. It is expected that a meeting will be held when the various retail concerns will be represented and definite action will be taken. It is possible that a petition will be circulated and presented to the city council.

It is a fact that several fruit growers of the Saanich peninsula have this year sold the product of their fruit orchards to Chinamen. Evidently they feel that a ready figure for their fruit without the necessity of undertaking the work of packing and marketing will save them a great deal of trouble. It is not known if the Chinese have been made.

Such being the case the fruit growers in the vicinity of Victoria expect to see prices slaughtered when the Celestial hawkers start selling their fruit in the city. It is with the object of imposing some limitation on the Chinamen that the matter of an increase in the license fee is being agitated. At present the fee is \$10 but if the council accedes to the wishes of the retail association it will be much higher. It is claimed that unless some such steps are taken the Chinamen will slaughter prices to the detriment of the grower and the merchant.

TELLS OF CONDITIONS ON THE WEST COAST

Secretary of Conservative Club of Quatsino Predicts Busy Summer

A very strong Conservative association has just been organized at Quatsino, and the president, F. George Nordstrom, and the secretary, A. G. Pilling, have just concluded a pleasant visit to Victoria. While here they interviewed the government in regard to some requirements of the district and Mr. Pilling informed the Colonist yesterday that they were returning perfectly satisfied with their reception at the hands of Mr. McBride and his colleagues. One work of improvement which the government will likely undertake at an early date is the building of a wagon road along the shore line at the settlement, which is increasing in population every day.

Mr. Pilling says the outlook for this season is most favorable. There is a prospect that the June group of mines, which are owned by Mr. Libby, of Seattle, will shortly be reopened and operations recommenced on a larger scale than ever before. Mr. Libby is said to have made all his financial arrangements to that end.

Residents along the west coast are looking forward to improved transportation facilities in the near future.

Mr. Pilling says the conditions among the steamship companies putting on better boats and giving a more frequent service. They welcome the presence of the Amur on the run, instead of the Tees, as the former is a better boat; and it is hoped that the change will be made permanent. In this connection it may be mentioned that a rumor is afloat to the effect that the Union Steamship company of Vancouver is about to run boats in opposition to the C.P.R. on the west coast run, what with their direct offering at the marble quarries, the whaling station and the mines at Quatsino and other points along the coast, it is felt that there will shortly be business offering for two boats.

JAS. FOLEY ACQUITTED ON ROBBERY CHARGE

Demonstration in Court on Discharge of the Local Boxer Yesterday

James Foley was acquitted yesterday on the charge of having robbed John Reid of \$40 in the King's Head saloon on Saturday. F. H. Patrick, who was charged with him, was also acquitted, the prosecution stating that the evidence was such that a conviction could not be asked for. At the conclusion of the trial there were loud cheers and handclapping from the crowd at the back of the court. The magistrate sternly called for order, saying that if such demonstrations continued he would adopt strong measures. As to the case he would make but one remark, which was that a considerable sum of money had disappeared which had not been satisfactorily accounted for. He would say no more.

The first witness was H. C. Donington, who said that he saw Foley fooling with Reid and another man who had both gone to sleep in chairs, but he did not see Foley take anything out of the man's pocket. He had gone out of the saloon with Foley and Patrick immediately afterwards and the three had gone to a shoe store, where Foley had bought a pair of shoes. Foley had bought them a couple of drinks and given Patrick a dollar. Altogether he had spent about \$6.

Reid could not shed much light on the subject. He had cashed a check for \$61.50 in the saloon the night before, and had about \$50 on him earlier in the morning. He had spent the morning in the saloon, and bought a number of drinks. He had shaken dice for a bottle of champagne but had not bought any. He had sat down in a chair early in the afternoon and must have dropped off to sleep. When he awoke his money was gone. His memory on these points was not very clear. He was certain, he said, that he had not spent more than \$4 in drinks.

Wm. Walton, a colored man, swore that he saw Foley go up and slap both Reid and another man, who were sleeping in chairs, on the back, and then push him into Reid's pocket, and take out a purse which he pocketed and soon afterwards left the saloon with Patrick. To the magistrate he said that the purse was a red one, taken from the hip pocket.

W. Ruggie, the proprietor, said that the accused and Reid were drinking in his place, and that during the morning Foley spoke to him of someone robbing Reid and giving the witness half the proceeds. He repudiated what he understood to be a suggestion, and told his barkeeper to look out. To Foley he said that no person in particular had been suggested as the man to do the trick.

Had Bought Champagne.

There were several witnesses for the defense, the chief one being T. Geary, a plasterer. He said that he had cashed a check for \$60 in the saloon that morning and had been drinking there. He had bought champagne and spent all his money and not accused anybody of robbing him. He had shaken dice for champagne with Reid, who had bought wine. The latter had no money left at the last throw. He had lent Foley \$5 to buy some.

Joseph Errington corroborated his story in certain particulars. He had seen champagne drunk that morning, and Geary had dropped some of his money on the floor. Foley had picked it up and returned it to him. His witnesses testified to the contrary, and to the fact that afterwards Foley had no money save what he had borrowed. On his own behalf Foley gave a detailed account of his movements and purchases and denied absolutely that he had stolen any money.

Reid, recalled, denied that he had bought any wine, and said that he had been approached by strangers who asked him to say that he had found his money afterwards. He did not know who these men were. Geary said he would like to hear the bartender on duty. The evidence was somewhat contradictory. After a recess he was summoned, and he said that Reid had not bought any champagne. He kept his money in a black purse. Reid had been drinking a good deal and Geary had been drinking for champagne. He was down in the cellar for a few minutes, and when he returned Foley had gone out. He had not seen anything of the alleged robbery. He had seen Geary lend Foley \$5.

The magistrate remarked that the evidence was wholly uncorroborated, and Foley had satisfactorily proved how he came to have the money which he had spent. Walton said that the purse taken was a red one, while Reid's purse was black. This led him to believe that Walton might have been mistaken, and he would discharge the accused.

LICENSE TRANSFERS

Commissioners Deal With Large Number of Transfers of Local Saloons

The first meeting of the board of license commissioners was held yesterday when a large number of transfers of licenses were granted. A temporary transfer of the license of the Western hotel from H. G. Gosnell to C. A. Stewart was made and transfers of the following licenses were granted: St. George's hotel, from the estate of the late Thomas Griffiths to Alice Griffiths; Windsor Grocery, from Anna Wall to E. J. Wall; Hotel Canada from E. J. Smith to John Temple; Poodle Dog Cafe, from W. S. Smith to A. Coopman; Alberta saloon, name changed to the Mecca saloon, and a transfer granted from A. R. McDonald to John McMillan; Telegraph hotel, name changed to the Royal Arms hotel and transfer granted from James Dupen to Walter Poole; Imperial hotel from Collin McKinnon to J. Davina Norwick; Carlick's Head saloon, from W. H. Ball to A. K. Vaughan; Colonist hotel, from Charles Stewart to W. A. Gatt.

The temporary transfers under which the Albion hotel and the King's Head saloon are being operated were extended until the next meeting of the commissioners. The request of the proprietor of the King's Head saloon, G. W. Brutty, to be allowed to change the name of the saloon to the Empiro was refused.

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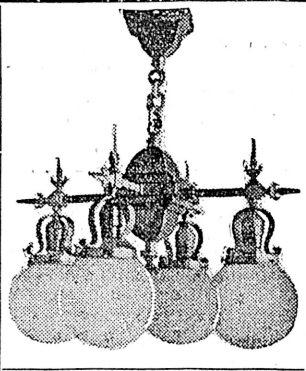
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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Talking of Englishmen in Canada, I wonder who the Englishman was, about whom we hear the pathetic story of the recently returned guide? An Englishman whose gameness and adaptability, readiness to meet emergencies, and evident good blood won the hearts of these rough men, and whom they called "Dook" in acknowledgment of his superiority. He is dead of his wounds, this poor "Dook," wounds suffered in unaccustomed wood-craft, and borne with a fortitude that was fairly grisley. Only one man knows his name and home-place, and he is on his way to England with the "Dook's" last message to his people, and he had, at time of writing this, not divulged any particulars. One follows the rough guide across the sea and into beautiful little England; through the lodge gates or the little vine-hung lych-gate beyond which nestles the vicarage, embowered and protected, or perhaps into the stately London mansion, where butler

and footman, noiseless and swift, bring in him who bears tidings of "Young Master," the well-beloved, the wayward, for whom the hatching shall be put up, and the "goes" wear black rosettes. Or it may be into some dear small cottage the messenger will find his fatherly way, and an old, old lady, with trembling lips and straining eyes will meet him, stammering "My boy, what of my boy?" It twists the heart to follow that messenger to England, when one knows of the broken and perverse and splendid sons of England, any one of whom might be the "Dook," whose big frame sleeps under a snow bank in the far, silent places of his land of atonement.—Lady Gray, Toronto Saturday Night.

Save small pieces of pastry when making pies; line little patty pans with this, fill with dry rice or beans to make the crust keep its shape, and bake. Roll down any canned fruit left from a meal, adding more sugar, and after emptying the shells fill with this; cool, and put on top of each one a small spoonful of whipped cream or dot with sweetened stiff white of egg. Or put on half an almond. Apples make delicious tarts after this recipe.

Meringues.

Beat stiff the whites of three eggs; sift and fold in lightly three-quarters of a cup of powdered sugar; drop by spoonfuls on paper placed on upturned biscuit tin and put in a cool oven with the door partly open for half an hour; then close the door and slightly brown the shells. Serve filled with whipped cream and chopped nuts or jam. While this is a rich dessert, owing to the filling, it is delicate and light and is sufficiently dainty to use for dinner or for a company luncheon.

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In Woman's Realm

HERE AND THERE

The increase of vagrancy is alarming the people of Eastern Canada. In the country tramps wander about frightening timid women, and sometimes committing terrible crimes. By some of the newspapers it is taken for granted that the vagrants are all or nearly all men who have come to Canada either from Great Britain or some of the European countries and who are unfitted to lead a new life, or indeed for respectable life anywhere. This probably is the correct explanation of the marked increase in the number of this most undesirable class of citizens. But it must not be forgotten that Canada already is producing too large a number of vagrants, and it would be well to consider what are some of the causes which lead to so sad a result.

In the first place it must be granted that large numbers of the men who follow no steady occupation have been born with some mental defect. In former days this class was much larger, proportionately than it is now, in every settlement, men and women too, who were looked upon as more or less harmless lunatics, visited the farmhouses periodically and the mistress of the house often passed a sleepless night whose hospitality forbade her to refuse shelter to one of these wanderers.

In our own day, all persons of unsound mind whose relatives cannot keep them at home, are confined in hospitals where they can injure no one and where there is no danger of their suffering from exposure.

If, then, the majority of those who have fallen into the condition of "tramps" are not insane in the common acceptance of the term, what are the causes that lead to their deplorable condition? It would, of course, be impossible in any case to tell the whole story of how a bright, happy little boy was changed into a degraded, useless vagrant. Yet there is among ourselves, a tendency which no observer can help noting that is likely to set little feet on the path that leads to this kind of ruin.

There is a disposition on the part of many parents, not all of whom are poor, to take children from school young and to get them to work at some employment where, while earning a little money, they will have much time at their own disposal. Such children acquire an impatience of control which at their tender years is very bad for them. By the time they are old enough to learn a trade they lack the application and the obedience necessary for success and in these days when apprenticeship has gone out of fashion and an employer is no longer a master, they are too apt to drift from one shop to another, ending at last, by joining the ranks of unskilled labor. It will be fortunate indeed if in the meantime they have not acquired habits which have unfitted them for usefulness there.

The case is far otherwise with the boy, even if young, who enters upon any steady employment, whether in a store, an office or a workshop. He learns habits of order and industry, and even though his education may have been defective, he will, if intelligent, gain a practical knowledge of his work and of the world which will go far to make up for his lack of book learning. Many of the most successful men of the present day were poor boys who began life in very humble capacities.

Parents should be ready to make sacrifices if necessary, in order that their boys, by the time they are of an age to earn their own livelihood, may have learned not only a trade or a business, but will have acquired such habits of industry and perseverance as will ensure success. Towards this end the home training contributes not a little.

A strange story comes from England which shows how exaggerated an idea many of the people of that country have of the value of sport. A Distress committee had provided employment for a number of idle men but had not, in giving temporary relief, arranged the hours of work so that the men could see, as usual, the football games. The men asked "for a re-arrangement of the hours of labor to enable them to watch football matches," and a special meeting of the Distress committee was called to consider the application. Very naturally, the Lord Mayor was angry, and said that he thought that men who had so little sense of the fitness of things should be discharged in order that others might get work. The committee, however, took no action.

The greatest admirer of legitimate sport cannot see that when, whether with young or old, sport interferes with the real business of life, it becomes an evil. These English working men furnish an extreme example of what is becoming far too common.

The study of nature is one in which there is a variety of opinion, both among teachers and parents. There are many who think the time devoted to "Nature lessons" is too much for the children to learn and the time in which to teach it is so short that this last neglect adds to the curriculum of the common schools is still looked upon very much in the light of a "fad" and if it were not that the Council of Public Instruction every year issues a paper to be set upon it for the high school entrance examination, it is to be feared many teachers would pay but little attention to it. Yet, this is one instance in which the interest created is of vast importance than the knowledge gained. If the children can be taught to love the great out-of-doors, they can name the parts of a butterfly's body or give the number of petals in a rose.

Children are naturally lovers of nature, and they only need to be encouraged to see beauty in its myriad forms. It is they that should be taught to see the sea shell and know something of the living creature who has made it its home; and yet how much

of formal teaching had the author of the lines on the "Nautilus." It is quite possible that a man of whom it might be said:

"The primrose by the river's brim
A yellow primrose was to him,
And it was nothing more."

could tell the shape and the number of its petals, the character of its leaves and much more that can be learned by a careful dissection of the plant. There is a mechanical way of studying nature within the four walls of a school room that is no better than a child wiser nor better. Yet no study in the hands of an enthusiastic teacher is more capable of exercising a good influence over the lives of children than that which brings them into touch with things around them. If, once a while, the school and the home leave the schoolroom and spend the afternoon together in the fields, the woods or by the seaside they would learn more about nature than in many lessons within doors. Not that these lessons have not their place; but the spirit of him who wrote

"To me the meaneast flower that blows
can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep
for tears,"

is only to be gained in any measure by contact with nature herself. There are very few whose lives would not be made happier as well as better by such nature study.

Making the Most of Small Spaces.

The majority of rooms in our modern houses are square and the walls much broken up by doors and windows, so that by the time we have placed the piano against one wall and the sofa against another there seems little room for anything more than a table and a few chairs.

Hanging book shelves placed above a table and sofa are useful economizers of space, while small book or magazine stands placed out in the room are both decorative and useful. They have the advantage, too, of being easily moved.

Often a window sill can be extended and shelves built beneath it. Another way of making use of space is transformed by having book shelves built about it. A novel idea is to build shelves around the trims of a door. Of course, these should be narrow, but wide enough to hold several books. The shelves can be made of decorative pottery. This treatment of a door is most effective, as the brightly colored books give a pretty touch of color.

In arranging a room with little available wall space it is well to place the furniture at right angles to the wall. For instance, the sofa or settee should be placed at right angles to the mantelpiece. If there is an open fireplace this arrangement is pretty and practical. The piano, if upright, should have a curtain hung across the back and be played out in the room; a desk or writing table may be arranged against the back of it.

When buying a desk for a small room it is well to choose one with a drop front, as these take up little room when closed. If the desk has neither cupboards nor drawers below, a stool should be bought to go with it rather than a chair, as it may be pushed underneath the desk when not in use. In a small room where the furniture is not placed against the wall it is necessary that everything should be secure. There must be no heavy lamps on insecure tables; no vases with small bases to topple over at the slightest jar.

I know a house with a wide stairway and a fair-sized landing, half way up, having two windows. Window seats have been built here with shelves underneath for magazines. The landing on which the telephone is placed. The young mistress spends much of her time here sitting on the padded window seats, from where she is able to command a beautiful view of the garden.

On my landing above is kept the sewing-machine, and the young housekeeper uses this spot for sewing-room and store-room. Packing-boxes have been made with hinged lids and covered with cretonne. These are used to store blankets and the like, besides being used for window seats. A bench with a few cushions and, perhaps, a small table beside it is about the best one can do with a long, narrow hall, as it does not lend itself to making attractive corners. We should make the most of our halls and landings.

A space always appears smallest when unfurnished, so we must not condemn a corner as being "too small" until we have tried putting furniture there.—Dorothy Tuke, in The Circle.

Value of Rest.

There would not be so many worn-out, sagged-looking women if we learned early the value of that ounce of prevention. With most of us prevention is like thunder—it comes after the danger is past.

Perhaps you are one of the persons who never take any rest. You look on life as a race to be run, forgetting that the strongest runner goes slow until the finish. Are you charitable to every one but yourself, and look upon letting up in your mad race as shirking? Are you one of those misguided beings who think monotonous plodding is duty, and crush out young longings for an occasional social outing lest you fall in some chimerical duty?

If so, readjust things. Learn to look on these things as "that ounce of prevention" without which smash-ups are inevitable. It is continual plodding that not only makes life stale, but brings wrinkles and narrow minds. Let us use up all our energy in our duty once in a while. Variety is not to be measured by the ounce in its preventive value.

Do you ever stop to think what a breakdown means? How many of the coveted pleasures or longed-for rests could have been had for the doctor's hire? Occasional flight from the grind is better than skilled specialists to keep one well, which is the sensible modern woman's reading of "that ounce of prevention."—New York Times.

Soft Gingerbread.

Take half a cup each of sugar, butter, molasses, mix, add a well-beaten egg, a cup and a half of flour, a tablespoonful of soda dissolved in a little boiling water, and a teaspoonful of ginger. Beat all well, and bake in a moderate oven; when half done draw out the pan and cover with chopped nuts, and finish baking. Gingerbread is always more delicious hot than cold.

STEVENSON'S LETTERS

A correspondent sends me an article on Stevenson and his "Cummy" by the Lord Advocate of Scotland, from a November number. It is illustrated by a reproduction from a photograph of "Cummy" and the Duchess of Sutherland, taken last summer, the old nurse seated and her grace standing.

Lord Guthrie has in his possession twelve of those precious letters written by Louis to his nurse, and he makes a point of what he conceives to be a fact, viz., that they were meant only for Cummy's eyes, from the first in 1871 when he was unknown, to the last, written shortly before his death. But, remembering an instance in Eva Blantyre Simpson's delightful book on Stevenson's Edinburgh Days, we cannot be so sure of that. Miss Simpson tells about those charming literary notes Louis was wont to write day by day to Walter Simpson; and how one evening his friend took one out of his pocket and threw it into the fire with a merry remark to Louis implying that if he were writing these for posterity it was labor lost, they had one destiny only.

Allison Cunningham herself only preserved thirteen of the letters written to her by her beloved laddie. Nor did she preserve any of the child's productions dictated to her before he could write. She told Lord Guthrie that once she stopped midway in writing with: "Lew, this is nonsense you're saying. I'm not going to write a word more." "Never you mind, Cummy, just you write away," was the somewhat imperious reply. Of the twelve letters owned by Lord Guthrie, five have not been printed. The three from which a quote, I have seen before, at least two of them. The first was written in 1871, when he was over twenty.

"Do not suppose that I shall ever forget those long, bitter nights when I coughed and coughed, and was so unhappy and you were so patient and loving with a poor sick child. Indeed, Cummy, I wish I might become a man worth talking of, if it were only that you should not have thrown away your pains." Next time, when the spring comes round, and everything is beginning once again, if you should happen to think that you might have had a child of your own, and it was hard that you should have spent so many years taking care of some one else's prodigal, just you think this, you have made much that is in me, just as surely as I have made much of you, and there are sons who are more ungrateful to their own mothers than I am to you. For I am not ungrateful, my dear Cummy, and it is with a very sincere emotion that I write myself your little boy.

"LOUIS."

One is dated April, 1887, Bourne-mouth, where he was living for nothing sake. "As I write, there lies a blackbird singing in our garden trees, as it were at Swanston. I would like fine to go up the burnside a bit, and sit by the pool, and be young again—or no, be what I am, only there instead of here, for just a little. . . . My heart is sometimes heavy, and sometimes glad to mind it all. But for what we have received the Lord make us true to each other."

The last word of all to the nurse who so tenderly mothered him is dated October 8, 1894, and she would not have it long ere the cable brought her the sad news that her boy was dead. "I hear you are ailing. Think shame to yourself! Do not think there is nothing better to be done with time than that? . . . We can all do much ourselves to decide whether we are to be ill or well. I kept myself alive for years, like a man on the gymnastic bars. . . . As for me, there is nothing the matter with me in the world, except the disgusting circumstances that I am not so young as once I was. . . . Well, goodbye to ye, and joy be wif ye. I have no time to say more. They say I'm gettin' fat—a fact!—Your laddie, with all love."

"ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON." Lord Guthrie recalls how at the university they were wont to hear Stevenson's frequent absences explained—"he was splitting blood again," and the week following he would be back "valiant in velvet" and vivacious as though he had never known sickness in his life. And the prevailing memories of all who knew and loved him well in those days is of Stevenson in high spirits with overflowing vitality. Allison Cunningham does not approve, nor does Lord Guthrie, of the St. Gauden's medallion because it will give to posterity the erroneous impression that Stevenson habitually wrote in a sick bed. That might be obviated by a second sculpture side by side with St. Gauden's.

Surely no writer except Lamb was ever so loved as Stevenson. By and by when the time comes, we shall, unfortunately, know more about the faults of his life. But nothing can make him less loved. To me, the most beautiful trait in Stevenson's character was his nobility in friendship. He was so true in that. And how easy it had been for him to bleed his friends, for they admired and loved him so. I do not think that there is evidence that he ever "used" a friend.—Mantoba Free Press.

Carlyle's Neglected Grave

Has the vitriolic sage become a neglected prophet? It looks like it. Mr. Robert Cochrane, in the Book Monthly, says every visitor to Ecclefechan has given evidence of the fact. There is no memorial to him there or elsewhere in Annandale, and indeed the suggested Edinburgh memorial, for which the first circular was issued on Jan. 18, 1897, has not yet taken shape. The "Resurrection Reading Room" in Ecclefechan, died a natural death fully a year ago, and the books are dispersed. Strangers still visit Ecclefechan in considerable numbers, and the path to the grave in the churchyard is well trodden, but the upright red Dumfriesshire gravestone is weathering badly, and when Mr. Cochrane saw it, it was covered with lichen.

A Glasgow man, who was seized by violent toothache, did not succeed any too readily to the great anesthetist, but in the course of time he was sleeping peacefully, and the offending molar was removed.

"How much?" asked the patient, after the ordeal was over. "Ten shillings!" said the dentist. "Ten shillings!" the man exclaimed. "Yes, sir," said the dentist. "It was an unusually hard job, getting that tooth out, and you required twice the ordinary amount of gas." "Well, here's the money," said the patient. "But mind this—the next time I take gas in your place I'll want to look at the metre."—Tit-Bits.



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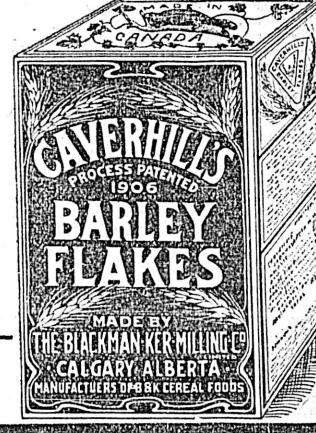
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The Sporting World

AMENDMENTS TO THE GAME ACT

Proposed Abolition of Automatic Gun Creating Much Interest

COAST KENNEL FIXTURES

Aristocratic Dogs Being Prepared For the Annual Competitions

Throughout British Columbia the eyes of sportsmen are watching the progress of a bill which has been laid before the provincial legislature, one of the chief provisions of which is the prohibition of the use of the automatic gun in the pursuit of game. The measure is viewed with mixed feelings but, generally, it is favored. While there are some who argue that it is unnecessary the majority believe that the move is in the right direction and that its effect will be the prevention of wholesale slaughter of the feathered game of western Canada during the forthcoming open seasons. Among those who indulge in the chase in the fall of the year, when pheasants, grouse, quail, deer, and other varieties of small and big game are legitimate or legal prey, merely for the pleasure they derive therefrom the automatic gun is held in "holy horror." They would not be seen carrying such an instrument. Its presence as an item in their paraphernalia would be considered as the means of dragging their prestige as hunters in the dust as converting them from gentlemen sportsmen, who are out for the fun and not solely to see how large a bag they can accumulate, into mere "pot hunters." And so those who have held to their established principles rejoice in the action that is being taken by the provincial government.

There are other important provisions contained in the aforementioned bill. It makes it an offence to buy or sell, or to offer to buy or sell, the heads of mountain sheep, elk, moose or caribou, or the teeth of walrus or elk. Here again the government is aiming a blow at the practice, which has been more or less in vogue in past years, of killing the big game of western Canada for the market. More and more, as time goes on, are those in power being brought to a realization of the fact that the province possesses in the denizens of its wilds. Every year the law protecting these creatures is being made more stringent and, constantly, the means of enforcing the regulations is being made more efficient. With a provincial game warden, assisted by capable representatives stationed in different sections of the country, it is believed that now it will be well-nigh impossible for any British Columbian or any visitor to commit a breach of the Game act, as amended, without being detected and summarily brought to an accounting. It should, however, be understood, that it is not intended to shut out legitimate sportsmen, whether they be western Canadians, or whether they be from foreign parts. The latter, by payment of a specified license, may make an expedition into the remote regions in search of Mountain sheep, grizzly bear, elk or any other species of big game that he may specially covet. The idea is to make the province a vast game reserve, protecting all varieties so thoroughly, that there will be no possibility of any being exterminated, and, moreover, will ensure splendid sport for everyone, and consequently assure for the government a permanent and material source of revenue, for all time. These are the objects of the law that have been carried out of those that now are in embryo. That British Columbia should attain a world-wide reputation as the "hunters' paradise" is the dream of its legislators.

On Vancouver Island there has been more or less consternation of recent years because of the evident decrease in the quantity of the feathered game. The falling off is more noticeable in respect to grouse, both of the blue and willow varieties, than in regard to the pheasants. The latter flourish, while the former appear to be gradually dying out. So alarming was the situation in 1907 that the government,

In 1908, passed an order in council making the opening of the season on the 1st of October instead of at the beginning of September. This gave the birds a month longer under the protection of the law. Thus far it is not evident that the action has worked the desired improvement and, at present, the advisability of entirely prohibiting shooting during 1909 is under consideration. Of course such a proposal is opposed by many, but here again those who are broad-minded enough to look to the future of the country from the sportsman's standpoint agree that if those in a position to know decide that such a step is necessary it should receive public endorsement. There is no doubt that the state of affairs on Vancouver island, as well as on the lower part of the British Columbia mainland, has influenced the authorities in their policy with reference to the use of the automatic shotgun.

In both British Columbia and Washington State sporting associations and enthusiastic individuals are importing Hungarian partridges. Shipment consisting of between thirty and forty birds reached the Canadian side of the Pacific coast a couple of months ago and were equally divided, half being liberated on the British Columbia mainland and the others on Vancouver island. They are latest reports, they find the climatic and other conditions most agreeable. Already they have bred and experts are convinced that two or three seasons hence this excellent game bird will be so numerous as to make it possible to make them legal game within certain limitations. Much the same has been the experience of Washington Nimrods. There as well the partridges are said to be thriving, as, of course, would follow naturally as the conditions in B. C. are much similar to those prevailing just across the border.

The discussion on the protection of the game of Alaska, started by Delegate Cale in the house of representatives at Washington has aroused much interest throughout the Pacific Northwest. In Washington and Oregon the press appears to be a unit that the game law enacted especially for Alaska should never have disgraced the statute book of the United States. The statement that the appropriation of \$5,000 is insufficient to enforce the regulations is endorsed, the opinion being that it would take many times that amount to begin to satisfactorily protect the game of country the coast line of which extends over two thousand miles.

The kennel fanciers of the coast are preparing for the annual spring shows. Every member of the aristocracy of dogdom, whose home is in this part of the continent is assuming his "Sunday attire" in order to be in readiness to pose in competition before America's expert judges. The exhibitions will be held in the different cities as follows: Victoria, B.C., April 6, 7 and 8, Major Taylor, judge; Vancouver, B.C., April 13, 14, 15 and 16, J. Bradshaw, judge; Seattle, April 20, 21, 22 and 23, judge unannounced; Tacoma, April 27, 28, 29 and 30, judge unannounced; Portland, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 judge unannounced; San Francisco, May 11, 12, 13 and 14, judge, J. Mortimer. It will be noted that the shows follow in sequence, week after week, starting at Victoria and ending at San Francisco. This will give a fancier an opportunity to enter everyone and, should his dog or dogs, win consistently to tend with one or more championships. It was the fact that this could be done under the American Kennel association that was the strongest argument against the proposal, considered by the Victoria and Vancouver Kennel associations, both Canadian, to affiliate with the C.K.A.

One of the features of this season's spring circuit is the presence for the first time of a Tacoma Kennel club. They have been organized but a few months but already their membership is strong and, according to reports, they will have one of the finest of the coast exhibitions.

BENDRODT BEATEN

Victorian Loses Skating Race in Vancouver

Vancouver, March 10.—Bert Howell defeated J. Bendrodt, of Victoria, in a three-mile skating event last night, by a half a lap.

PREPARATION FOR EMPIRE DAY SHOOT

Full Particulars Annual Daily Mail Competition—Local Team Will Enter

The organizing secretary of the Daily Mail Empire Day rifle contest has forwarded to the Colonist full particulars of the competition which will take place next 24th of May, and in which will be entered teams representing every section of the British empire.

In a self-explanatory communication, he says: Feb. 17, 1909. To the Sporting Editor: The Daily Mail Empire Day rifle contest of 1909, which will be shot on May 24th (Empire Day) is arousing even more interest than last year's match, and already some 300 rifle clubs in all parts of His Majesty's Dominions, have entered teams.



BEACON HILL SOCCER TEAM

Winners of the Victoria District Junior League. The members of the team as shown in the accompanying picture, reading from left to right, are as follows: (Top row) A. McDougall, full-back; Lovelridge, goal; J. McDonald, full-back. (Middle row) A. Petch, T. O'Rourke and A. Lindsay, half-backs. (Bottom row) Jenkins, P. O'Rourke (captain), C. James, Kersey and C. Baker, forwards.

delay. Communications should be addressed to the Organizing Secretary, Daily Mail Empire Day Rifle Contest, Carmelite House, London, Eng.

The following gentlemen have kindly consented to act as our advisory committee: Earl Meath (the founder of Empire Day), Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., Lord Chylesmore, president of the National Rifle association; Colonel Crosse, secretary of the National Rifle association.

Carmelite House, London, Eng. The conditions for 1909 are as follows: Range: 200, 500 and 600 yards. Rounds: One sighting shot at each range (not to count), and the seven succeeding scoring shots. Position: Bisleys position; standing, kneeling or prone. Rifle: Any .303 service rifle. Ammunition: Any. Sight: Any, non-telescopic. Team: Eight highest scores on day of match to count as team. Any number of men from one unit may shoot. All competitors to be bona fide (active) members of the club under which they shoot. Bisleys rules for current year to govern the conditions of the match.

No member can shoot for more than one club. The match to be shot under the direction of an independent range officer (who is not a member of the competing club), who will be assisted by an independent officer in the butts to check the marking.

Both officers on duty must certify that the match was carried out strictly in accordance with National Rifle association rules; that the targets were of the dimensions laid down by the conditions; and sign the score sheets, which must record the conditions of the weather.

The range officers on duty may be officers of His Majesty's forces, active or retired, justices of the peace, ministers of religion, or such other responsible persons (provided they have a knowledge of rifle shooting) as may be capable to take charge of the match and attend to all challenges.

Each competing club, making a score of 150 or over, shall immediately after the contest, cable the aggregate score to the Daily Mail, London.

Each competing club must forward the certified score sheet by mail to the Organizing Secretary Daily Mail Empire Day Rifle Contest, Carmelite House, London, Eng., immediately after the contest. The results will be published in due course in the Daily Mail and in the overseas edition of the Daily Mail.

In special cases where teams are unable to shoot on Empire Day (May 24) they may shoot on Saturday, May 22. The competition is confined to militia, volunteer, police or civilian rifle clubs in the British Empire (or British rifle clubs in foreign countries).

All members of the club are eligible to shoot. In the case of any misunderstanding, the matter shall be first investigated by the association to which the club in question is affiliated and referred by it to the advisory committee.

The advisory committee's decision on all points shall be final. The word "club" must be taken to mean a separate unit, or, in other words, a self-contained club. Where a rifle club is part of an "association" that club must enter its team entirely on its own account. The clubs composing the association are, of course, eligible, but the association as a whole is not.

Teams must go to the ranges and fire off their rounds for the cup once and for all. Shooting must be continuous at 200, 500 and 600 yards in the order named. It must be distinctly understood that the first shoot—excluding the shooting for the Schumacher cup—on the day of the competition must count for the match. Range officers must certify that no

House, London, E.C., on or before May 10th of the year following that in which it is won. A Fifth Regiment team took part in the contest of 1908, and, although its score was not sufficient good to place it among those that occupied premier places, it was creditable. Yesterday an official of the local organization stated that Victoria's representatives would surely be found in line again. Already many of the riflemen were training and he felt assured that they would be able to give a much better account of themselves.

FIVE MILE RELAY RACE SATURDAY

Mackay and Case Will Meet Baylis On Oak Bay Track

Another five-mile relay race is down for next Saturday afternoon. Frank Baylis, Vancouver Island's champion distance runner, having failed to obtain another match with Messrs. Beckwith and Dickson, the lads who defeated him a little over a week ago, has had his open challenge accepted by two other Victorians, namely, P. Mackay and A. Case. They are boys of the James Bay district, unattached to any local athletic club. It is reported that they have been training in the hope of being able to take the track against Baylis and that they will make just as good a showing as did the Y. M. C. A. representatives on the last occasion. The conditions governing the forthcoming contest will be the same as before. Baylis will start off with either Case or Mackay. Each of the two latter will go two and a half miles, while the J. B. A. athlete will make the full distance. It has been arranged to bring the competition off at the Oak Bay track.

NEGRO WOULD GO FAR TO FIGHT JEFFRIES

Johnson Willing to Meet Big Fellow on Three Weeks' Notice

Vancouver, March 10.—Jack Johnson declared today that he would fight Jeffries for the championship of the world any time on three weeks' notice. He says he will even cancel theatrical engagements abroad to meet Jeffries this summer or fall.

Big Fellow "Only Grinned" The reception Jeffries accorded Johnson's deft is described in a despatch received from New York, under yesterday's date, and which is subjoined: When James J. Jeffries was shown an Associated Press interview with Jack Johnson, in which the negro champion declared himself ready and willing to meet Jeffries or "any other man in the world," the big fellow only grinned. The Victoria despatch was

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LACROSSE CLUB TO MEET ON MONDAY

Several Important Questions Down For Discussion—Large Attendance Wanted

There will be a meeting of the Victoria lacrosse club on Monday evening at the Sir William Wallace hall. On this occasion the officials hope that there will be a sufficiently large attendance to warrant proceeding with the business that must be settled before the preparations for the season can be inaugurated. A number of matters of vital concern to the organization are pending, among the most notable being the question of professionalism vs. amateurism. Owing to the situation prevailing on the mainland it is thought possible that it may be necessary to adopt the former system here and, if that proves correct, radical changes to the present form of government will be rendered imperative. However, even if nothing should be attempted in this respect there is much to be done before Victoria can be considered well on the way towards procuring a fast and capable lacrosse team, and that is what is wanted for 1909. Therefore President McGurn and those associated with him want to see the hall crowded to its capacity when the club next meets to take up the various problems with which they are confronted.

ANNUAL SHOW AT THE A. O. U. W. HALL

Victoria Kennel Club Arranging For Next Month's Exhibition

The committee of the Victoria Kennel association, in charge of the preparations for the annual spring show, which takes place next month, announce that they have obtained the use of the A. O. U. W. hall for the event. Fanciers generally are gratified, the opinion being that there could be no place more satisfactory for such an affair, as there is plenty of room for the placing of the desired number of kennels and, besides, for the accommodation of the crowds expected each day.

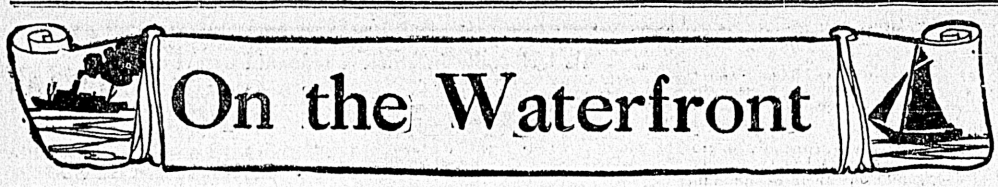
Meeting Tonight

Tonight a meeting of the Pointer and Setter club will be held at the offices of T. P. McConnell, Government street. It is for the purpose of considering a number of questions in connection with the entries for these classes at the forthcoming exhibition. The object of the organization is to secure just as many and as high class dogs in the sporting varieties as is possible. Thus far they have met with signal success, being in a position to report that many handsome special prizes have been offered by citizens to stimulate interest and some of the most celebrated dogs of the Northwest will be brought to the local competition.

Old Country Football.

London, March 10.—The latest results in football are: First League, Bolton County 1, Provincial 1; Southern League, Leyton 2, Millwall 1. Replayed Counties: Bristol City, Glossop 0; Sunderland 0, Newcastle 3; Burnley 2, Manchester United 3.

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SEALING FLEET WILL BE SMALL

Expected That Fewer Schooners Will Go to Bering Sea This Season

THE NEWFOUNDLAND FLEET

Twenty-Two Vessels, One Being Equipped With Wireless, After Hair Seals

This year is expected to mark the sailing of the smallest sealing fleet for Bering since the hunters went from this port to the smoky seas to hunt the furs on the face of the waters. Whether the Victoria Sealing company will send more than one or two of its fleet north this year is not certain. Last year the fleet was smaller than ever before, there being but seven vessels sent out. The schooner Jessie is now at sea, hunting off the Californian coast, following the herds northward until the end of next month when the spring season ends, and the schooner Pescawha is also hunting in the south, equipped to go north after sea-otters when the spring season ends on April 30, after which it is unlawful to kill seals on the north Pacific, other than by the lessees of the seal rookeries of the Beringoff until August begins. These two schooners and the Thomas F. Bayard, and possibly also the Umbrina, may form the entire sealing fleet from Victoria this season, unless the sealing company reconsiders its reported determination not to send out more than a couple of its vessels this year.

Meanwhile Joseph Boscowitz, of this city, who went east some months ago, has been busy engaged in bringing the pending questions regarding pelagic sealing and the hampering restrictions placed upon the industry to the attention of the authorities in Ottawa, Washington and London. He is still engaged in this work.

While the fur-seal hunters of this coast are not so busy as of yore the hunters who go in steamers—it is not permitted to use propelled craft in fur-sealing—now from Newfoundland are busy. Yesterday was the date of the annual departure of the fleet, and twenty-two steamers went out, as compared with 21 last year, the increased tonnage of some of the new steamers used, some of which are equipped with wireless telegraphic apparatus, enabling them to communicate more than usual to take part in the voyage. The start was made yesterday from St. John and thereafter begins the anxious period of waiting day after day for news. It will be remembered that last year the voyage was a very protracted one, so that people were really becoming anxious before arrivals were reported. Then there were so many losses and disappointments that some of the outfitters lost heavily, but the number of heavy oil seals taken eventually brought the gross results nearly up to those of an average year. Judging by averages and indications, this ought to be a good, if not an extraordinary year, and the fact that one of the new steamers is equipped with a wireless telegraph outfit may help to relieve the anxiety. It is to be noted that this year's fleet includes five steamers new to the trade, four of which cost about \$150,000 each and the other, the Florizel, which will be put on the New York, Halifax and St. John's route, and passenger service subsequently, is fresh from her builder's yard at a cost of about \$300,000.

EMPRESS OF CHINA DUE FROM YOKOHAMA

C. P. R. Liner Now en Route From Japanese Port Expected to Arrive Today

The R.M. Empress of China, delayed owing to the slight accident in the Inland Sea of Japan, which necessitated some repairs at Kobe, is expected to reach port today from Yokohama, which port she left on March 1. The steamer Suverie is also about due, being on her way from Manila and way ports via Yokohama. The steamer Inver, sailing today will probably not call at this port outbound.

JAPANESE PLAN TO WELCOME CRUISERS

Daylight Fireworks and Receptions Planned For Visiting Aso and Osa

K. Ishii, who returned from Seattle yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria, says that official advices have been received there confirming the news of the departure of the Japanese cruisers Aso and Osa coming to Seattle and this city in June, and he states that the Japanese of the Sound are making energetic preparations for the entertainment of the officers and men of the cruisers. It is expected that \$5,000 will be expended in the festivities. Both day and night displays of fireworks will be a feature of the entertainment. Japanese students will be assigned as interpreters and guides for the visiting sailors, and they will be taken to all points of interest in the city. A special day will be arranged for their entertainment at the exposition.

The vessels are sailing direct to Honolulu. The cruisers will also stop at Mexican and United States ports on the Pacific coast before their arrival here.

The squadron will be in command of Rear Admiral Ichiji, who was a captain during the Russian war in command of Admiral Togo's flagship Mikasa. The vessels will have aboard 190 cadets who graduated from the naval academy last year, all of whom will be made midshipmen on the return of the squadron to Japan.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, an east wind, 8 miles an hour. Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind east, 19 miles an hour. In the steamer Tampico at 10.20 a.m. Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Clear, wind southeast, 4 miles an hour.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Light rain, calm. Bar. 30.30, temp. 41. Sea smooth.
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.27, temp. 43.
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind northeast, 8 miles an hour. Bar. 30.40, temp. 42.
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.41, temp. 37. Sea smooth.
Estevan, 8 a.m.—Light north-east breeze. Bar. 30.41, temp. 37. Moderate swell; wind east. Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind east, 19 miles an hour. Bar. 30.40, temp. 45. Passed in, steamer Tampico, at 10.20 a.m. Estevan, noon—Cloudy, light southeast wind. Bar. 30.42, temp. 48. Moderate swell.
Pachena, noon—Part cloudy, light southeast wind. Bar. 30.32, temp. 48. Sea smooth.
Cape Lazo, noon—Cloudy and calm. Bar. 30.34, temp. 50. Sea smooth. Steamer Ohio, bound north, will pass about 12.30; at 10 a.m. the steamer Cowichan south bound.
Point Grey, noon—Part cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.30, temp. 51.
Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 29.88, temp. 39. south at 4.20 p.m. steamer Northwestern; north at 12.30 p.m. steamer Ohio.
Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.22, temp. 40.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Clear, wind south, 10 miles an hour. Bar. 30.34, temp. 39. Sea moderate. No shipping.
Estevan, 6 p.m.—Clear, fresh south wind. Bar. 30.27, temp. 38. Sea smooth. No shipping.
Pachena, 6 p.m.—Cloudy and calm. Bar. 30.31, temp. 42. Sea smooth. No shipping.

WILL MAKE ANOTHER CRUISE TO ARCTIC

Ernest deK. Leffingwell is Coming North to Build Yawl

Ernest deK. Leffingwell is expected to return to Victoria to arrange to start from here or Seattle early in May in a fifty-foot yawl of shallow draught which he proposes to build and ship into the Arctic. It will be driven by kerosene engines. Leffingwell, who was together with Capt. Ejnar Mikkelson at the head of the Anglo-American expedition to the Dominion of Canada, Mr. Leffingwell is now visiting his parents at Los Angeles and will remain there until starting north to arrange for the construction of his boat, which may be built in this city. It will be built here or at Seattle.

Capt. Mikkelson is reported to have changed his plans and instead of making the exploratory trip to German New Guinea as was reported by him in England, will probably make another Arctic trip, going to the north-eastern coast of Greenland to seek for the bodies and records of the men who lost their lives in the ill-fated Amlyus Erikson expedition. This party is supposed to have chartered the entire northeastern coast of Greenland, charts found on the body of one member of the expedition having led to this well. Capt. Mikkelson stated that he proposed to make the trip to the Greenland coast.

AMUR TAKES MACHINERY FOR PULP MILLS

Had Sixty Tons to Land at Quatsino—Will Bring Ore From Sidney Inlet

The steamer Amur, which sailed last night for Quatsino and way ports of the west coast, carried a good cargo, including sixty tons of machinery to be landed at Quatsino for the new pulp mills being erected near the Narrows on Quatsino sound, and general cargo for many ports. On returning to port will call at Sidney Inlet to load 150 tons of ore for the Tyeo smelter at Ladysmith. Among the passengers were Anne Luckovitch, the well known west coast storekeeper, returning to Hesquelt, A. W. Neill, Indian agent at Alberni; Henry Seebaum, wife and family; G. E. Fraser, A. H. Moore, G. L. French, G. H. French, J. W. French, J. W. Black, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Williams, Messrs. McVittie, Leeson, McVittie and Gallop, and several men going to the whaling companies' stations and to the Nootka marble quarry.

WELLINGTON COMES TO REPAIR RUDDER

Steam Collier Engaged in Trade to Golden Gate Will Be Hauled Out Today

The steamer Wellington, Capt. Cutler, reached port yesterday morning from Ladysmith to undergo repairs. On arrival at the whaling port from San Francisco, a diver was sent for and he reported on examination that she had sustained damage to the rudder below the water line. The steamer was then brought to Victoria for repairs and will be hauled out today.

The British ship Denhigh Castle, from Cardiff for Molendo, has been placed on the overdue market, reinsured at 10 per cent.

AUSTRALIA WILL BUILD DESTROYERS

Fighting Craft Will Form Nucleus of Proposed Navy For Commonwealth

News was brought by the steamer Makura that the Australian government has resolved that Australia is to have a small modern fleet of her own apart from the Royal Navy. Australia has obsolete ships at the moment, the Curlew and other antiquities, and is to have modern ships now on exacting the same footing. These ships are not meant by the government to replace the Australian squadron of the Royal Navy.

Mr. Deakin's scheme was to build six destroyers, nine submarines, and two depot ships. He originally spoke of the loan of four small cruisers. The idea of cruisers was afterwards given up. It is now stated that the Australian government does not intend to build cruisers, and that the three submarines which appeared on Mr. Deakin's program and have been also given up. The government does not believe that cruisers can yet be built within reasonable expense in Australia. If they are necessary in the near future for training an arrangement might be made to obtain them. But the government believes that destroyers can be reasonably built there. The authorities are absolutely agreed as to this.

No scheme for the future training of Australian officers and crews has been settled, nor has it been settled whether they ought to be trained in part on the ships of the Royal Navy, or wholly on the Australian fleet. Mr. Deakin was, when he left office, negotiating with the admiralty for the training of the Australian crews in British ships. The present government has not gone on with those negotiations and it has not closed them. The question is still open to be decided by the cabinet.

Mr. Deakin's scheme for training seamen and officers for the Australian navy was, with regard to the men, instead of the present subsidy, he was going to offer 1,000 or 1,100 Australian sailors to the Royal Navy; to be trained in the Royal Navy, and then, as far as possible, used by the Australian navy. The place of those Australians who were training on the British fleet would apparently be taken by British sailors serving on the Australian fleet. Each fleet would be under its own government in peace time, and in war, the fleet would be under the command of the British fleet. The question of control has not been altered by the present government building its own ships. Whether it will go on with Mr. Deakin's bargain as to training the men on admiralty ships has not been considered. It involves the question of the subsidy.

When the Makura left Sydney a discussion was in progress as to whether the proposed Australian destroyers should be built in Sydney or in England. Senator Pearce, the minister for defence, proposes having the vessels built in England and sending Australian shipwrights to assist in the construction. He said that the vessels would be sent to England to return competent to aid others in the construction of similar craft in Australia. He said: "Every nation that has a navy has usually gone to older nations to learn the work. The foundation of the Japanese navy, turning out the best of modern destroyers, a few months following the earthquake and fire, thirty-five such craft had been built and placed in active service, transporting lumber to California."

ALLEGED SMUGGLERS

Syrian Merchants in Montreal Charged With Easing Customs—Large Sums Involved

Montreal, Mar. 9.—An alleged smuggling conspiracy is being investigated here by Judge Cassels, of Toronto. The people who are implicated are Syrians, and it is said that large amounts of goods have been entered duty free.

The case was laid on complaint of a man named Richard Candor, who had been head smuggler, but later turned informer. Acting on his information, the customs officers seized the Damascus Jewellery Co., of Montreal, for \$15,000 and against Margit Lafone, of Montreal, for \$20,000.

Candor gave evidence showing that he had been employed in 1906 to smuggle goods into Ontario and Quebec. His modus operandi was to have the goods sent to him at an address at 140 St. J. across from the Iroquois, Ont. He then rowed across the river, secured the goods and returned to Iroquois, later shipping his good to his firm in Montreal. No witnesses for the defence were called today and the case was adjourned until tomorrow.

SENSATIONAL VOYAGE OF EATON HALL

Captain of Dismasted Barks Tells of Voyage Bound "To Chili or the Bottom"

The story of the adventurous voyage of the Chilean bark Eaton Hall, reported dismantled at Tahiti some time ago, was brought by the steamer Makura from Newcastle, where Capt. McLean, her master, had arrived on his way to Valparaiso. The Eaton Hall, left at Tahiti after her master sought without result to go "to Chili or the bottom," was sold to a French firm for \$15,000. The captain stated that the day after he left Newcastle he struck bad weather, and with the exception of two days of calm he was beset with gales until he reached Tahiti. On the second night out from Newcastle the vessel was lower for several days, was carried away. But the voyage was continued, and when off the North Cape of New Zealand an opportunity came to repair the damage, during two days of fine weather—the only two experienced on the voyage. The broken yards were lashed with ropes, and everything made snug for the rest of the voyage. Then another gale sprang up, and when in latitude 36.17 south and longitude 150.01 west the bark was almost totally disabled. The lower topsail yard which had been required was this time carried away altogether. The three main backstays were lost, and the other topsail yard was also carried away. In addition to a quantity of the rigging, Captain Maclean said: "I then made up my mind to go north and try to make the tropics. But I had hardly expected ever to see land again. When we were off New Zealand the mate wanted me to put back, but I said we would either go to Chili or to the bottom. The weather continued bad, and when we were in latitude 30° to 32.23

south and longitude 144 west we had another disaster, which left us completely disabled. I lost the main topmast, and the only yard I had left was the foreyard. We were three days and nights cutting away the wreckage, as the work had all to be done with a chisel and hammer.

"One boat had been smashed to pieces, but fortunately the other two were safe. We were rolling about in the sea for days, sometimes able to make about a knot an hour with the wash of the sea. For 36 days the only sails we had on the bark were the foresail, two jibs, and two staysails. At the end of this I calculated that we were 82 miles from Tahiti, and soon after we sighted land. I never expected to see land. The boat, however, as the vessel was waterlogged from the seas that were continually breaking over her, so I had preparations made for getting out the boats and abandoning the ship.

"The small schooner was sighted. This turned out to be the Tamarell, a schooner with a small auxiliary oil engine, bound from Tahiti to the Ponape group, with a cargo of merchandise. When she came alongside I asked the captain to tow us to Tahiti. He wanted to take it as a salvage job, but I absolutely refused to pay salvage, as I would rather have abandoned the vessel altogether. Anyhow, he agreed to tow us to Tahiti for \$500. We got a line aboard, and he then towed us into the harbor. But it was a tedious task, for the schooner could not make more than about a knot and a half or two knots with us. Just as we got inside the oil engine gave out, and we had to drop anchor, but we were there, however.

"Before this," said Captain Maclean, "there was a disturbance on the bark amongst the sailors, one of whom was killed. Whilst we were preparing and provisioning the lifeboats one of the sailors stole some liquor, and then he made him self drunk; then while the officers were at dinner he quarrelled with the rest of the crew, and drawing a knife stabbed two of them. One of the men who was stabbed over the eye died, and the other died later. A sailor was put in irons, and on arrival at Tahiti was handed over to the Chilean consul. The man who was killed was a Philippine named Matiano Tere, but the rest of the crew were all Chileans. With the one exception of the sailor who stole the liquor, well throughout the terrible voyage."

The steamer Vados, of the Boscowitz Steamship company, is undergoing repairs at the Victoria Machinery depot. She brought 2,000 cases of salmon from the north.

The United States navy department has signed contracts for two submarine boats to be known as the Pickering and the Skate, to be constructed by Morson Bros. company, of Seattle, for use in Pacific waters. These boats will be somewhat larger than the Octopus type and the latest models of their kind, although the detailed plans are a secret of the navy department.

When the barkentine Wrestler reaches Callao with a cargo of lumber from Portland an effort will be made to dispose of her. Few sailing vessels are there, and in the immediate trade, and in another year it is said the entire traffic will be handled by steam schooners. The owners of the Wrestler have been adding to their steam schooner fleet as rapidly as possible during the past two years. The several other companies operating coasters have been pursuing the same policy. When unable to dispose of the windjammers they were usually tied up. It is estimated that exclusive of the salmon fleet there are no more than 15 or 20 schooners, barks and barkentines operating on the Pacific coast. At the time of the San Francisco earthquake and practically all the coasting trade was made up of sailing vessels—that is, those which were engaged in the lumber trade. But immediately after that disaster the owners began to acquire steam tonnage and soon had every shipyard in California, Oregon and Washington running to capacity, turning out the best of modern schooners, a few months following the earthquake and fire, thirty-five such craft had been built and placed in active service, transporting lumber to California.

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From Australia
Makura Mar. 9
Indisval Mar. 9
From Mexico
Georgia Mar. 15
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Princess Beatrice Mar. 12
Queen City Mar. 4
From West Coast
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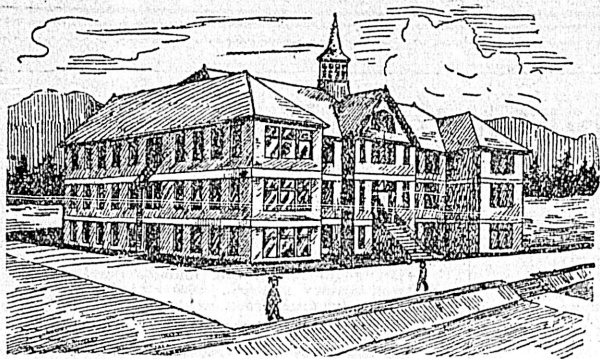
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Keir Hardie Against G. B. Shaw.

London, March 10.—Mr. Keir Hardie has demonstrated the extent of the brotherly love that exists among the Socialists by an attack on Mr. George Bernard Shaw in Glasgow. He referred to the action of the local Socialist party in asking Mr. Shaw to become a candidate for parliament and said: "I resent the contempt and ridicule that has been brought on the movement first of all by inviting a man who has no claim to be considered as a candidate, and then publishing his buffoon letter of reply. We want to retain the self-respect of our movement."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss G. Langton left Victoria this morning for a week's holiday.

Wm. Dennis, of Portland, in the State of Oregon, is at the Empress.

Mr. Frohisher left town yesterday for a short visit to Cowichan.

Captain Rothwell, of Thetis Island, is down in Victoria for a few days.

Mrs. Thomson, from Salt Lake City, is visiting in Victoria.

Mr. A. J. Sumner, from Saskatoon, is staying in town for a few days.

Mrs. Munro, Lampson street, will be hostess at a bridge party today.

Mrs. Wilder, San Juan avenue, will be one of Friday's hostesses.

Mrs. Koenig, from Shawnigan, is in town on a short visit.

J. W. Irwin, of New Westminster, is at the Dominion.

Henry Harwell, of the city of New York, is at the King Edward.

R. Roberts, of Julietta, in the state of Idaho, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the King Edward.

Mr. Charles S. Archibald, of Toronto, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

H. W. Weller, of Montreal, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

D. E. Sprague, of Winnipeg, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

W. J. Watson came down from Ladysmith yesterday and is staying at the Empress.

S. F. Gilbert, of Burlington, Iowa, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

Wm. McNair came into town yesterday from Sidney and is registered at the King Edward.

Mrs. W. J. Hanson came down from Duncan yesterday and is staying at the King Edward.

J. McLaren, of Galt, Ont., arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Dominion.

A. E. Belyea, of Toronto, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Driford.

Miss Edith Greenberg came down from Duncan last evening, and is staying at the Dominion.

D. A. Galbraith came down from Nanaimo yesterday, and is staying at the Dominion.

Charles W. Hingley, of Chicago, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

Hereafter, Mrs. A. G. Sargison, of Menzies street, will not receive on the third Thursdays.

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Miss Sehl, who has been on an extended visit to Vancouver, has returned to Victoria.

Mrs. Gibb has returned to Victoria after a delightful visit to San Francisco.

Oscar Lucas, of the City Fair, returned home by the steamer Princess Victoria from Seattle yesterday.

Mrs. Simpson was a passenger from Seattle yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria.

H. Aitken, of Nanaimo, is at the King Edward. He reached the city by the E. & N. train yesterday at noon.

Mrs. Barrow and Miss Exeley, of Sidney, will leave for home by the V. & S. train this morning.

W. Butler was among the outgoing passengers by the V. & S. yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. E. K. Sargison, of Seattle, is visiting Mrs. Wm. Jackson, 1922 Blanchard street.

Mrs. Ivy Campbell came down from Duncan yesterday and is staying at the Empress.

Capt. McKim, of Vancouver, is in the city on business and is making his headquarters at the King Edward hotel.

Alex. Stewart, of Dodwell & Co., of Tacoma, is in the city, having arrived by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday.

Capt. J. S. Gibson, of the Washington Stevedoring company, arrived in the city yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria from Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Horsey, of Prince Rupert, arrived in town last evening and are staying at the Empress.

Capt. Wallace Langley, the well known northern steamship man, formerly of this city, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jamieson, and Miss J. Jamieson, from Spokane, are on a visit to Victoria and are staying at the Empress.

The dance given by Captain and Mrs. Parry, in the Sail Loft, Esquimaux, last night, was a smart and enjoyable function.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, from Toronto, spent yesterday in town and

are leaving today for Seattle, where they will spend the summer months.

Miss Lillian Smythe, from Seattle, has arrived in Victoria, where she will visit with friends for the next few weeks.

Alexander Mills, of Ormstown, in the province of Quebec, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

George F. Cleveland, of Danville, in the province of Quebec, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Driford.

H. W. Turnbull, of the very important Ontario manufacturing city of Brantford, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the King Edward.

J. C. Corbin, of Seattle, who has charge of the construction of the new cold storage plant, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Watson and Miss Watson, of Fairmount, West Virginia, arrived in town last evening and are staying at the Empress.

Mrs. W. J. Dawson, of Duncan, was among the incoming passengers by the E. & N. at noon yesterday. She is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

Mrs. F. King and family, who have been spending some time in Victoria, staying at the Empress, are leaving town on Friday for their home in New York.

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great virgin forests." In short, they want our timber but are not willing that we should get a fair price for it, or as an American put it, "You better take half a loaf rather than none."

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AMUSEMENTS

Murphy's Successor.

One of the notable features of the forthcoming appearance of Arthur Cunningham in Shaun Rhue will be his rendition of that famous Irish song "A Handful of Earth," which was made so popular throughout the country by Joseph Murphy. Mr. Cunningham is starting this season in Shaun Rhue and The Kerry Gow, having been selected by Mr. Murphy as his successor.

Pantages Theatre

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A PLAGUE OF MOLES

Large Areas of Fields Ploughed Up By Little Anamils

London, March 10.—In every county and in almost every country parish of the South and Midlands, moles have appeared this winter in numbers quite unprecedented. Even from the railway train one can see field after field ploughed up by them, in some cases the freshly turned heaps being not more than a foot apart. Many grass fields in the neighborhood of Peterborough look from a distance like rough ploughlands. In some of the light Surrey lands to the north of Guildford one can at any moment see the process of the throwing up of these fountains of soil, and farmers have been taught the difficult art of killing the moles as they tunnel near the surface. "The earth almost tumbles over your boots as you walk," said a Surrey farmer. In parts of Leicestershire it has been proposed to levy a rate for reducing the plague. Huntingdonshire is overrun. The appearance of a North Hertfordshire park has been ruined, and the same appearance of innumerable silted heaps is to be observed in fields north of Bournemouth and others near Reading. The increase of moles is due to the scarcity of hunters and trappers in recent years. On the other hand, foxes are becoming so scarce in England that many of the hunt clubs have nothing to do

FRENCH INCOME TAX PROVES UNPOPULAR

Split Has Arisen in Socialist Party Over Proposed Measure

Paris, March 10.—Frenchmen, speaking generally, are by no means disposed to greet the government's proposed income tax as a boon to be grateful for. In connection with the income tax bill, moreover, something like a split has arisen in the Socialist party in parliament. The attitude that party should adopt towards the said bill is the apple of discord. Two prominent leaders of Socialism, M. Jaures and Guesde, are at loggerheads. The former tells his followers in the chamber that as good and true Socialists they ought to support the measure, which is intended to be a thorn in the side of the execrated "bourgeoisie." M. Guesde is against the measure. He regards the income tax bill as it now stands as nothing better than what he called the caricature of a reform, destined in reality to still further crush the working classes. About half of the Socialist deputies share M. Guesde's views, the other half approving the theories expounded by M. Jaures.

"What do the Socialists want?" inquires the République Française. "To destroy personal property? They cannot hope to do so by revolutionary means. They can only succeed by legal means. In this respect M. Jaures is quite right. Socialists in the chamber to be true to their theories, including the destruction of personal property, cannot do otherwise than give their support to M. Calliaux. The event will shortly prove which of the two, Jaures or Guesde, is the stronger. There is small chance of the income tax law passing. The present French legislature will soon come to an end and the 580 odd deputies will have to give an account of their stewardship. The deputies feel that there is no time to be lost in preparing for the elections which will take place in May, 1910.

The fact that the senate will find it difficult to discuss and vote the income tax before the dissolution is contemplated with equanimity in the country. But if the deputies cannot triumphantly return to their constituencies with a great popular measure to fiscal reform, the question arises what they really have to show after three years of parliamentary activity and how they expect to recommend themselves to the country. Thus far the best known result of their labors is the vote raising their salaries from \$1,800 to \$3,000. Another achievement which was of more general interest was the adoption of the bill for the nationalization of the Western Railway line. That has its importance but it is not a measure which will have greatly tended to increase any deputy's chances of reelection. In these circumstances there is a good deal of unrest in French political circles.

London, March 10.—In the Commons, Under Secretary for the Colonies Seely said it was proposed to enlarge the scope of the committee of inquiry into emigration from India to the crown colonies.

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FOR SALE—White Wyandotte, Black Minorca and Black Orpington Settings for sale. 13 eggs for \$1.50. Apply Schroeder's Grocery, 300 Menzies St. m9

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

WANTED—Situation by thinsmith and pipe fitter; first-class man. Address 746, Colonist. m10

FOURTH-CLASS ENGINEER requires situation anywhere in British Columbia. Box 725, Colonist. m9

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Intelligent boy. Plimley Auto Co. m10

WANTED—Experienced meat salesman to sell to wholesale trade, Vancouver and vicinity. Address Dominion Meat Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alberta. m7

WANTED—Boy, Oak Bay Pharmacy.

WANTED—Engineer, burners, setters, etc., for new brickworks. Write: Harrison, Sidney Island, B. C. m6

WANTED—Man with \$1,500 for good paying proposition. This exceptional opportunity is open for thirty days only. 406, Colonist. f19

WANTED—One reliable man in every town to take orders for best custom made clothes in Canada. Highest commission. Rex Tailoring Co., Toronto.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

TWO CAPABLE WOMEN wants daily house cleaning. Apply Box 752, Colonist. m10

ENGLISH WOMAN wants work by day, Monday and Tuesdays; washing preferred. Miss Tomlinson, 941 View St. m10

WANTED—By the 1st of May, situation as working housekeeper; good cook; competent; no objection to children. Address Mrs. Dean, Colonist. m7

ROOM AND BOARD.

TO LET—Furnished rooms with breakfast; bath; electric light and phone. 1621 Quadra St. m10

FURNISHED ROOMS with board, bath, electric light, also board without rooms; close to Government buildings, 403 Menzies St. Phone B-1690. m6

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Many Specials for Friday's Selling

We offer a number of specials for Friday, including many lines of new goods. We were never so well situated to fill your every want as this season. Our stocks are more complete than ever before and prices were never so attractively low. The duty of a big store in a community is to furnish the newest and best that the market affords at the lowest possible price. We are fulfilling that duty, you have only to visit The Big Store and get our prices to realize that.

Drapery and Carpet Bargains for Friday

These are extra good bargains, and coming just at the time when spring changes are being made should be most welcome.

\$3.75 Lace Curtains for \$1.95

300 PAIRS NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, extra strong net, in fine and heavy weaves. A large assortment of designs. Width 54 inches, length 3½ yards. Regular, per pair, up to \$3.75. Friday **\$1.95**

\$18.50 Brussels Carpet Squares \$13.75

30 BEST GRADE ENGLISH BRUSSELS CARPET SQUARES, in a variety of colorings and designs. Size 9 x 9. Regular, each, \$16.75 to \$18.50. Friday's sale **\$13.75**

Friday Values in the Men's Store

Many special lines of new goods will be offered on Friday at special prices. We have some splendid values to show you in new and stylish garments just opened.

MEN'S SUITS, some new ones just to hand, single and double breasted styles, in tweeds and worsteds, some very smart, styles are included. Specially priced at \$7.50 to **\$12.50**

BOYS' SUITS, in tweeds and worsteds, in all shades, including the popular browns, two and three-piece styles. These are the kind of suits that look well and wear well. Splendid values. Priced from \$3.50 to **\$9.00**

MEN'S HATS, a large shipment of hats just opened, in stiff and crush shapes, the very latest blocks, the newest shades and black. Priced from \$2.00 to **\$5.00**

MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS, in nobby styles for spring. Priced from 25c to **\$1.25**

ODD LINES IN TAMS for boys and girls. Regular values, 50c and 75c. Friday **25c**

Women's Underwear at Special Prices

Two lines of seasonable Underwear that are very special values at these prices—

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, a nice weight for wearing at present, made of fine white cotton, fleeced, long sleeves, high neck, different sizes. Exceptional value at **25c**

WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, a somewhat heavier weight of fleeced cotton, high neck, long sleeves. Extra value at **40c**

New Arrivals in the Ribbon Section

SILK PETERSHAM BELTINGS, 2 in. wide, in white, cream, sky, Alice, Copenhagen, brown and black. Per yard **35c**

FANCY BELTINGS, with gold flowers and tinsel embroidery, in cream, sky, reseda, brown and navy grounds. Per yard, 75c and **\$1.00**

DUCHESSE RIBBON, 6 in. wide, beautiful soft finish, for millinery, in all the new shades of rose, brown, pink, green, blues, lilac, white, cream and black. Per yard **40c**

DRESDEN RIBBONS, with pretty pansy and carnation designs, in all colors, correct for sashes and hair ribbons. Per yard **35c**

LAWN STOCK COLLARS, eyelet embroidery with pleated ruche. The newest shape **35c**

To Have Your Suit Look Right

You must have the correct corset. The well-dressed woman's silent partner, that is what the corset has been called, and there is no doubt whatever about that being the truth. We have an expert fitter to see that you get the proper corset and that it fits you. We have the proper corsets, the ones needed to produce the lines necessary for getting the best effects from the new gowns and costumes. Special fittings can be arranged.

The "D. S." Corsets

Made especially for us by the leading Canadian corset-maker. They are correct in style and corsets that will give perfect satisfaction. We would not put our own name and brand on them unless they were all right, and the prices are very moderate, indeed.

The "D. S." Corset, No. 10—Two splendid models that sell at **\$1.00**

Friday Specials in the Furniture Department

Perhaps you need a Go-Cart or Carriage for the baby. The fine weather is at hand and nothing is better for the little one than fresh air and plenty of it. These Go-Carts and Perambulators are specially priced for Friday's selling.

Spencer's "Magic" Folder

The 'strongest' Go-Cart on the market. Folds instantly with one motion.

Price, without Top **\$8.75** | Price, with Hood Top **\$11.75**
SEE BROAD STREET WINDOWS

Genuine English Perambulators and Go-Carts

See Broad Street Windows for Values

These goods are very handsomely and strongly built, painted in best coach style, leather hung, finely tempered steel springs, large wheels with grey rubber wired-on tyres. The upholstery is in best style, in Crockett's Superior Leather Cloth, small pleats, best loose cushions, and cloth lined waist straps. The hoods have good brass joints with adjustable catches.



For Friday a Sale of New Net Waists

A Special Offering of Handsome Waists



Another lot of our nobby Net Waists go on sale Friday, another example of our ability to secure the newest goods at special prices. We are offering these Waists at less than we would ordinarily pay for them. They are made up in the very newest styles of fine nets, in shades of cream and in white. We describe two of the styles—

HANDSOME WAIST, made of cream Brussels net. The front has rows of handsome embroidery, with rows of fine tucks between. Back made with fine tucks, and frill of lace over shoulder. Long sleeves, shirred, with frill of lace running from shoulder to wrist. Frill of insertion and lace at wrist. High collar with lace edge. Lined throughout with silk. Regular value, \$7.50. Friday's price **\$4.75**

HANDSOME WAIST, made of white Brussels net. The front is prettily embroidered, and has rows of tucks between. Lace frill down front, over shoulder and down back, also rows of tucks down back. Long shirred sleeves with lace frill running from shoulder to wrist. Frill of lace and insertion at wrist. High collar edged with lace. Lined throughout with white silk. Actually worth \$7.50. Friday's price **\$4.75**

Men's and Boys' Shirts at Special Prices

A most complete assortment of Shirts for men and boys, and at prices that make them extra good values. You are almost sure to find something that you want mentioned here.

MEN'S LIGHT WORKING SHIRTS, cream cotton ground, with black stripes and patterns, collars reversible to turn inside, also blue, black and fawn stripes **75c**

MEN'S LIGHT WORKING OR OUTING SHIRTS, fancy cream cotton ground, with blue, pink and green satin stripes, collar reversible **\$1.00**

MEN'S SHIRTS, blue and white and black and white striped Galatea working shirts, collars attached, very strong material, 75c and **50c**

MEN'S GOOD BLACK SATEEN SHIRTS, for hard work, collars attached, all sizes, \$1.00, 75c and **65c**

MEN'S HEAVY BLUE MOLESKIN SHIRTS, collars attached, specially durable, soft inside, 75c and **65c**

MEN'S SHIRTS, imported union flannel shirts, with collars attached, made in grey stripes, specially full cut for large men **\$1.00**

MEN'S SHIRTS, extra, heavy blue, grey and striped flannel shirts, with collars attached, and pocket **\$1.50**

BOYS' STRIPED OUTING SHIRTS, cream ground with colored stripes. Specially suitable for school wear, 65c and **50c**

BOYS' WHITE COTTON MESH OUTING SHIRTS, with a colored stripe, collar attached **65c**

BOYS' SHIRTS, superior quality union flannel shirts, in various patterns, collars attached, \$1.00 and **65c**

MEN'S SHIRTS, imported striped flannelette shirts, collars attached, a strong cloth, and specially large cut, well made, 75c and **50c**

MEN'S SHIRTS, imported Oxford cotton shirts, very strong and easily washed, pattern woven through material, clean-looking stripes, 75c and **65c**

BOYS' STRIPED FLANNELETTE SHIRTS with collars attached, good, useful shirts for every day wear, 50c, 35c and **25c**

BOYS' GALATEA WORKING SHIRTS, collars attached, made in check patterns, blue and white stripes and dark shades. Specially strong shirts. 50c, 40c and **35c**

BOYS' FLANNELETTE SHIRTS for school, made in striped patterns without collar, just a neckband **50c**

BOYS' GOOD BLACK SATEEN SHIRTS, with collars attached, 65c and **50c**

BOYS' WHITE OUTING SHIRTS, collars attached, made of white cotton materials, imported and Canadian makes, 75c and **50c**

Spring Cleaning Time is Here

The time that most people dread, but which we cannot avoid. Formerly it meant upsetting the house, perhaps one or a few rooms at a time, but at best it meant the home upside-down for quite a time. Carpets had to be taken up to be cleaned, everything upset. Not so now. The Vacuum Cleaner does the carpet cleaning better than any system that has been discovered. It does it thoroughly, the carpet, the paper and the floor. The dirt is all removed, the carpet freshened to look like new, and no trouble or worry. It only takes a short time, and the cost is very moderate. Estimates cheerfully furnished.

Friday Footwear Values

Of special merit are these Friday leaders. New, smart, snappy lines, selected from latest spring arrivals. Priced to insure quick sale.

MEN'S BOOTS—Tan or wine, kid, Blucher, built on a smart medium toe last **\$3.00**

MEN'S BOOTS—Good quality patent colt, Blucher boots, new half wing toe caps, Goodyear welt soles **\$4.00**

WOMEN'S BOOTS—Blucher cut, in vici kid, gun metal calf and patent leather. These are of American make and a strong line, at **\$2.50**

WOMEN'S OXFORD SHOES—An extensive range of Oxford tie shoes, in narrow, medium and broad toes, black or tan calf and kid and patent leather, American make **\$2.50**

COLLEGE GIRLS' OXFORDS—In patent colt, vici kid, tan calf and tan kid. Sizes 2½ to 5 **\$2.50**

BOYS, YOUTHS' AND LITTLE GENTS' BOOTS—Blucher cut, Dongola kid, stout sewn soles—

Sizes 8 to 10½ **\$1.50**

Sizes 11 to 13 **\$1.75**

Sizes 1 to 5 **\$2.00**

CHILDS' BOOTS—Box calf, laced boots, sewed soles. Sizes 8 to 10 **90c**

CHILDS' AND MISSES' BOOTS—Good quality Dongola kid, patent tips—

Sizes 8 to 10½ **\$1.25**

Sizes 11 to 2 **\$1.50**

Items of Toilet Articles

SHAVING SOAPS, Colgate's, Williams' and Sanitol. Per stick **25c**

TOOTH POWDER AND PASTE, Colgate's and Sanitol. Each **25c**

COLGATE'S LIQUID DENTIFRICE. Per bottle **45c**

CALVERT'S CARBOLIC TOOTH POWDER. Per box **15c**

FACE CHAMOIS. Each 10c and **15c**

COLGATE'S QUINOL HAIR TONIC. Per bottle **60c**

DY-O-LA, for coloring wool, cotton or mixed goods, 10c, 3 for **25c**

LEE'S LIQUID CORN REMOVER. Per tube **15c**

LEE'S CELAKUT COURT PLASTER. Per tube **10c**

TOILET PAPER, round or square, 5 for **25c**

TOILET SOAP, perfumes violet, rose and sandalwood. Per box **15c**

COLGATE'S BATH SQUARES, honey, elderflower, brown Windsor. 2 for **25c**

COLGATE'S FLOATING BATH SOAP. 3 for **25c**

TAR SOAP, for toilet and bath. 3 for **25c**

CASTLE SOAP, Virgin brand. Per bar **25c**

SPONGES. Prices ranging from 85c to 2 for **5c**

Washing Underskirts Just Opened

For the woman that wants a skirt as light in weight as a white one, but one that will not soil so easily, these skirts will fill the bill. And they are splendid value, too, at these prices—

UNDERSKIRTS, made of dimity, white ground, printed with figures in different shades. This skirt has a deep ruffle, finished with tucks. Special at **85c**

UNDERSKIRTS, made of good washing gingham, in various colored stripes. This skirt has a deep ruffle, finished with four rows of tucks. Special at **\$1.00**

Our Spring Catalogue

The latest and most complete Catalogue that we have ever issued is now being distributed. If by any chance any of our friends and patrons living out of the city do not receive a copy, we will gladly forward one on request. Thousands of satisfied customers testify to the excellent service that our Mail Order Department affords, and this season we have greatly enlarged it, insuring the best possible service and satisfaction. We would like to count you among our patrons if you are not one already.

Brighten Up Your Home

Nothing will accomplish the brightening up of your home quicker than artistic and attractive wall paper, and the expense is in most cases trifling. The artistic effects of pictures and furniture can be completely spoiled by the use of wall paper that does not harmonize with the rest of the room furnishings. With the best stock of wall paper in the West, we are in a position to cater to your every wall paper want, and the Spencer Prices make our lines doubly attractive.

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